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TUITION

Leon likely to ask for 13% increase

Regents to hear proposal tomorrow

By T.R. HANRAHAN
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Tuition at Missouri Southern is likely to increase by more than 13 percent, College President Julio Leon said yesterday.

Leon said details still are being worked out, but the administration could recommend the increase to the College's Board of Regents tomorrow.

"There will be a recommendation for a fee increase, I can tell you that," Leon said. "Right now we are at about \$53 per credit hour, and the increase will probably put us in the \$60 range."

The actual approval of a fee hike may not come at tomorrow's meeting, but Leon said it will be soon.

"People need to know," he said. "The sooner students and financial aid know, the sooner they will be able to adjust their aid packages."

While Leon said any increase is undesirable, he thinks it is necessary.

"I know that students will not like this, but hopefully people will realize this [financial situation] is happening all over the country," he said. "I do believe it is needed to insure the kind of quality we want."

Bryan Vowels, Student Senate president, said student opinion is divided.

"I have encountered two kinds of students," he said. "There are those who oppose any increase, and there are those who support one if they get something in return."

"For instance, if there are improvements to the [Spiva] Library,

retaining or hiring faculty, or larger class selection, the students would support the increase."

Leon said this scenario likely will not happen.

"In essence, students will be paying more for the same or even less," he said. "Still, overall fees at Missouri Southern are low."

"We feel we need to do this if we are going to continue to be viable. As with other instances where we have had to increase fees, students will see we are at the bottom as far as fees are concerned."

Vowels said increases around 20 percent should be phased in over time and justified.

"If you are looking at maintaining what we have and no more, it should be a lower increase," he said. "If that's the case, it shouldn't be more than around 10 percent."

"From the student perspective, we want to know why and how this amount was decided on. As the students' representative to the Board, I want to raise these questions. I probably can't influence the decision, but I can ask them."

Because state appropriations are based on planned expenditures and planned expenditures are influenced by student fees, Leon said Southern is at a disadvantage.

"It is almost like a vicious circle," he said. "Our Board [of Regents] has tried to keep fees low enough to make us accessible, but at the same time it decreases our revenue and planned expenditures. That in turn decreases our appropriations."

OFF-CAMPUS CRIME

Lone gunman hits store

Lack of lighting could be part of problem

By CHAD HAYWORTH
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

For the second time in five months, the Fastrip store at 1204 N. Duquesne has been the scene of a violent crime.

At approximately 11 p.m. Monday, a lone gunman robbed the store of an undetermined amount of money. Fastrip clerk Lucinda J. Adams was murdered in a back room of the store on Oct. 2.

"Of course, you never want to see this kind of thing happen," said Tony Grantham, of Grace Energy Corporation, Fastrip's parent company. "But we try and train our people to handle it."

"We tell them to never resist or keep large amounts of cash on hand."

The robber was described as a 6-foot-2, 190-pound black male wearing a blue pullover sweater and jeans.

Grantham said the dark area around the store might be part of the store's crime problem.

"Certain places in Joplin have a history of crime, and Fastrip [No. 20] is no exception," he said. "Its location does make it somewhat of a target."

Despite the incidents, Grantham does not foresee any changes in the store's security or business policies.

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STATE CAPITOL LOBBYING TRIP

Legislators take 'keen interest' in Student Senate

By JOHN HACKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Some positive and some negative experiences came out of a two-day lobbying trip to Jefferson City by the Student Senate.

The senators spent Monday and Tuesday meeting with legislators and observing state government in action.

The students said it was a valuable learning experience for them.

"I learned a lot of things about government I didn't know before," said Chuck Henry, sophomore chemistry major.

The students said they had more time to spend with the legislators this year.

"We really got to talk to the senators," said Cami Davey, junior mathematics major. "We actually went into their offices, sat down, and had conversations with them. I think that really made a difference."

Henry said the student senators were able to inform many legislators about the College.

"Many of them had a lot of interest in what we had to say," he said. "They didn't know much about what went on at Missouri Southern, and we were able to provide them with that information."

Not all of the student senators' experiences were positive.

"We met one senator who wasn't rude, but he made it quite clear that he didn't feel highly about Missouri Southern," Davey said. "He felt that we had too many four-year colleges in Missouri, and he preferred the older ones."

She said even that experience had a positive side.

"It gave me a realistic idea of what we were up against up here," Davey said.

The student senators brought information packets to help them sway lawmakers' opinions. They said they believed they were better prepared than in the past.

"We had papers and charts showing how our college ranked in comparison to other colleges," said Brian

JUDGMENT DAY



Jeff Dentor and Julie Hunter, senior criminal justice majors, consider their responses on yesterday's ACT-COMP test. The test, required of all seniors, evaluates critical thinking skills and analytic ability.

ASSESSMENT TEST

Honey anxious to see data

Nearly 500 seniors take part yesterday

By T.R. HANRAHAN
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

While most Missouri Southern students enjoyed a day off yesterday, almost 500 seniors participated in the ACT-COMP test.

The test, designed to analyze critical thinking skills, gives the College an indication of how it is faring in its core requirement classes.

"One goal is to present the information to the assessment committee, the departments, administration, and faculty," said Dr. Delores Honey, director of assessment and institutional research. "We hope to focus on how well we did in certain areas."

"If we can apply the results to core curriculum courses, it will help us see what we can do to improve."

Honey said the test consists of 15 activities designed to measure students' analysis and application of knowledge.

"In one activity the students might read a short story and be asked questions or asked to respond," she said.

"In others, they may be shown a picture and asked questions or asked to analyze it."

"The test is not just giving back information. It is more a matter of how [students] put that together."

The test has been administered at Southern since 1986, and this is the first time every student tested also had taken an assessment test as a

freshman.

"I'm looking forward to analyzing that data," Honey said. "That was the idea when we started assessment; to get at that longitudinal analysis."

The number of students taking the test is down from approximately 600 students last year. Honey said there are two reasons for the decrease.

"Several of this year's graduating seniors took the exam last year, and this year only those graduating in May, July, or December of 1992 are taking the test," she said. "We strongly urge students to take the test as they finish, because some in the past had not had all their general education requirements."

Student reaction to the test was generally benign.

"It was all right," said Steven West, marketing and management major. "Things went real smooth, and it wasn't really difficult. I think it is probably helpful for the students."

West did say administering the test annually might be excessive.

"Maybe every two or three years would be enough," he said. "I don't think they need to make seniors take it every year."

Honey said this would skew the results, however.

"The purpose is getting that longitudinal data," she said. "If it were not given every year, the gaps would raise questions about the data."

Some students wondered how the test related to their majors or course work.

"It was interesting—different," said Bryan Vowels, general business major. "It was supposed to cover it,

but sometimes I wondered how it relates to what I've learned."

"That isn't the school's fault; it is more a complaint with the test itself."

Kevin Hooks, communications major, said the test was a "waste of time and money."

"There is no way they should require seniors to take that test," he said. "It didn't seem an accurate assessment of what I've learned. There is no way they can know by that test what I have gained."

Honey said the students may have misunderstood the purpose of the test.

"This was not a special knowledge test," she said. "It was a test of critical thinking. Perhaps students are not used to taking this kind of test."

Honey said individual test results are given to the students only and the group results are used to evaluate the College's programs.

"I think the test is interesting for them," she said. "It serves as a measure of themselves and the group data helps us improve. Anything we gain to improve makes the effort worthwhile."

Logistically, the testing has gone well, Honey said.

"It really went well," she said. "The students got there in good shape and there has been tremendous support from the departments."

This is Honey's first year as director of assessment and she said she has enjoyed the experience.

"It has been interesting," she said. "The faculty's cooperation has been the most rewarding."

COLLEGE FACULTY

Havely expects to return

By DAWN ADAMSON
ARTS EDITOR

Music department head Pete Havely will be away from Missouri Southern for a while as he recovers from lymphoblastic lymphoma—better known as leukemia.

"It was kind of fast. It had gotten pretty active, and we had to act fast. It got kind of close," Havely, a 13-year faculty member, said.



The leukemia, a disease characterized by an abnormal increase in the number of white blood cells in body tissue, often in blood, was discovered Feb. 10 after Havely complained to his doctor of severe lower body pains. He was placed in McCune-Brooks Hospital in Carthage. Later, Havely was moved to St. John's Regional Medical Center in Joplin.

"In about 24 hours, I was feeling pretty good. I'm doing much better," he said. "I'm responding to the treatment [chemotherapy]."

"When I first went in [to the hospital] the doctor said I'd be in for a month. Now, all of a sudden, I got to go home for the weekend."

While at home, Havely uses an infusion pump five hours per day.

"Right now, the doctor wouldn't let me go back [to Southern] if I wanted to."

"I'd like to be able to come back, even just to take a band rehearsal in a week and a half or so, but I don't know if I'll be strong enough."

Havely said he is "very optimistic," making "real progress," and anticipates returning to Southern within three weeks.

Dr. Robert Carter is treating Havely at St. John's.

"He really is a miracle worker," he said. "I don't have any doubt that I'm going to get out of this."

No one has been temporarily appointed to Havely's position.

"The faculty is taking over," he said. "We've got so many faculty members who have been around for a long time. There's nothing to worry about in the department."

Dr. Robert Brown, vice president for academic affairs, credits the music department faculty for the successful replacement of Havely.

"We are very grateful that we have colleagues who are willing to step in and give their colleagues, as well as the institution, a hand."

BLUNT TALK



Secretary of State Roy Blunt (left) talks with (left to right) Student Senate President Bryan Vowels and senators Ramil Shultz and Chuck Henry at the Senate's banquet in the State Capitol Tuesday.

REGIONAL CRIME LAB

Building to see expansion

By JOHN HACKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

New technology and equipment have forced the expansion of Missouri Southern's Regional Crime Lab in the Police Academy.

Bob Beeler, physical plant director, said a number of contractors have expressed an interest in building the 600-square-foot addition on the back of the existing academy.

"Eight contractors have picked up plans and specs," Beeler said. "It will be a relatively simple construction job."

The new addition has been needed for some time, but recent state mandates have made it even more imperative, James Maupin, dean of the school of technology, said.

"The state said that six crime labs in Missouri, including Southern's, should have DNA-typing capability," he said.

DNA typing is a method of identifying individuals, Maupin said. "It's nearly foolproof," he said.

"We can use an extremely small sample of bodily fluid or other material to identify criminals."

Even without the new equipment, the lab is too small for efficient use, said Dr. Melvyn Mosher, professor of law enforcement.

"We have one major test we do here that we have to use the chemistry department," he said. "We just don't have the room for the equipment, and the problem will only get worse when we get involved in the DNA testing."

The first DNA testing could take place in the next month, Mosher said.

The money for the expansion came from a state grant, said Dr. Phillip Whittle, crime lab director.

"This is through the Department of Public Safety," he said. "We've had what is referred to as a laboratory upgrade grant, and currently \$250,000 is available to the state laboratories."

Whittle said \$40,000 has been budgeted for the expansion. The Missouri Association of

Crime Lab Directors decided to dole out the money in proportion to the population the lab serves, he said.

"This money is divided about 13 ways," Whittle said. "We'll get about \$20,000 this year and receive the other \$20,000 at the new fiscal year on July 1."

Southern's crime lab serves about 500,000 people in approximately 10 counties in Missouri and parts of four counties in Kansas, he said.

"We're considered one of the intermediate labs," Whittle said.

The lab investigates many crimes in the southwest Missouri area.

"A larger portion of the drugs confiscated for whatever reason in this area the lab has analyzed," he said.

"We do most of the blood-alcohol determinations for local agencies as well as the Highway Patrol in this area. Most of the homicides you see in this area we are involved in some way or another."

Construction is scheduled to begin April 1, and completion is slated for July 30.

CROWDED CONDITIONS



Dr. Melvyn Mosher, professor of law enforcement, conducts an experiment in the Regional Crime Lab at the Police Academy. An addition for the building will help relieve overcrowding in labs.

MSTV

Station adds K.C. to lineup

By BRIAN SANDERS
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

This year, fans of both of Missouri's Major League Baseball teams will have something to cheer about.

The Kansas City Royals and the St. Louis Cardinals both can be seen in action this year on Missouri Southern Television.

According to Judy Stiles, community service director for MSTV, this is the first year the Royals' games will be available.

Twenty-one Royals' games and 79 Cardinals' games will be telecast this season on K57DR-TV, UHF channel 57, and MSTV, Joplin cable channel 18. Carthage residents may see games on cable channel 24, and coverage will be available later this spring for Lamar and Monett cable systems.

"Many Royals fans expressed their interest in getting some of the games," Stiles said. "Also, KSNF-TV carries some Royals games, but they wanted to expand a little."

"So we talked with WDAF-TV [the Royals' satellite station in Kansas City] this winter, and we picked up a few of their road games for this season."

The Royals' first telecast will be a spring training game against the Houston Astros at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 27.

Their first regular season game will be telecast at 10 p.m. Monday, April 6 from Oakland.

The Cardinals will begin their fifth season on Southern television with an exhibition game against the Baltimore Orioles at noon on Saturday, March 21.

St. Louis' regular season will begin with a game against the New York Mets at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 6.

Persons interested in receiving game schedules may stop by the communications department or send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: K57DR-TV, Missouri Southern State College, 3950 Newman Road, Joplin, Mo., 64801-1595.

HUMAN INTEREST

Student finds missing grandson

Friends help Hodges defray expenses

By KAYLEA HUTSON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

David Hodges is glad to have his grandson back.

Fourteen-month-old Les Nelson Hopper Jr., Hodges' grandson, was discovered Oct. 20 in Phoenix after his father, Les Hopper Sr., was taken into custody by the Arizona Highway Patrol.

"His car had broken down on the side of the interstate, and the Highway Patrol officer who stopped

to help him happened to run a check on Les and the car," said Hodges, senior computer science major. "Because of the kidnapping charge against him, the officer was able to take him into custody and place the baby with child protective services."



David Hodges

Hodges said the day Les and the baby disappeared appeared to be a normal Friday. Hodges was working in the Spiva Library while Ann, his daughter and the baby's mother, and Les were at his home. When he returned, he found a crying Ann being comforted by his mother. Ann discovered her husband had withdrawn all but \$500 from their account.

"He had just vanished off the face of the earth," Hodges said. When they discovered Les and Les Jr. were missing, Hodges said he and Ann contacted the Joplin Police Department to file a missing person's report. Later, Ann filed for divorce, which allowed police to file kidnapping charges against Les.

After Les and Les Jr. were found, Hodges and Ann had 72 hours to travel to Phoenix before the Child Protection Agency placed Les Jr. in a foster home.

During this time, Hodges and Ann began to frantically raise enough money to pay for the trip.

"I just started talking to anyone—students and faculty—who I thought might be able to help us," Hodges said.

Hodges credits the support of friends as the reason he and Ann were able to travel to Phoenix.

"One friend knew my car wouldn't make the trip to Phoenix, so he gave me a newer car," Hodges said.

He said several other friends loaned him money to defray expenses.

Carol Kilpatrick, junior political science major, said she is organizing a benefit within the next two months.

"I would like a band or two to donate their time to have a dance down in the Lions' Den after the snack bar closes," Kilpatrick said. "I would like it to take place soon because he (Hodges) needs to take care of the money he had to borrow."

Ann, Les Sr., and Les Jr. now are living in Phoenix. Ann has withdrawn her petition for divorce and dropped the kidnapping charge.

"She dropped the charges to try to save her marriage," Hodges said.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM

CMSU to offer course here

By MIKE PETERSEN
STAFF WRITER

A joint effort between two colleges has resulted in the development of a graduate-level course beginning next week.

Administration of Criminal Justice, a three-hour credit course, will be conducted by Central Missouri State University at Missouri Southern.

The course may be used toward a master's degree program at CMSU in criminal justice.

Jack Spurlin, associate professor of law enforcement at Southern, said there is a need for a graduate-level course on campus.

"I put forth a lot of effort to get the course here," Spurlin said. "We have a large number of recent and soon-to-be graduates from our program who want to further pursue a graduate degree in criminal justice."

He said students do not have to be

in the criminal justice program to enroll in the class.

"Administration of Criminal Justice would be a suitable elective for sociology and psychology majors who plan on going to graduate school," Spurlin said.

The class will be taught by Dr. Mike Wiggins, associate professor of criminal justice at CMSU.

"The course content provides an advanced level of intensive study in the rapidly changing field of criminal justice," Wiggins said. "The only way we could bring the class to Southern was on a weekend concept basis."

The class meets Fridays from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Feb. 28, March 20, April 3, and April 24. Saturday sessions are scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 29, March 21, April 4, and April 25.

Students interested in enrolling in the class should contact Spurlin.

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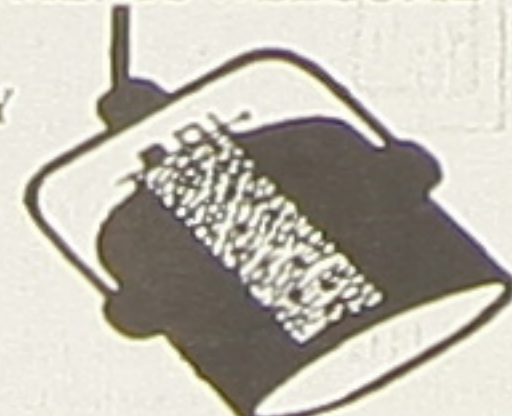


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► NURSING PROGRAM

Interactive video to give students more experience

By P.J. GRAHAM
CAMPUS EDITOR

Grants given to the nursing program are helping keep Missouri Southern on the medical technology edge.

The program recently received a grant of approximately \$74,000 from the Helen Fuld Health Trust. With the money, nursing has been purchasing equipment and learning aids.

"We have two interactive video units," said Willie Shippee, assistant professor of nursing. "They will be used for student learning, almost like computer-assisted learning."

The interactive video system is a visual aid allowing students to watch medical procedures and choose different functions at the right times through a touch-screen system.

Several programs are available for the interactive video. Besides tapes on adolescent suicide, therapeutic communication, and adult airway management, one program Southern is interested in is "Managing the Experience of Labor and Delivery." Such experiences are not always available to College students at local hospitals.

"We can't always regulate the timing of the delivery and have students out there," Shippee said.

Other items purchased include tympanic thermometers, simulated models, audio-visual materials, computers, and NCLEXRN—a program to prepare students for their licensing exam.

Barbara Box, director of nursing, said the equipment will help update the College.

"In nursing, equipment becomes outmoded as soon as it goes in production," she said. "We'll be one of the first nursing programs in the four-state area to have this technology accessible to students."

Apparently, students are not the only ones who will benefit from the new equipment.

"It's a learning process for faculty, too," Shippee said. "We're all learning."

The items purchased are important because they give the students an opportunity to gain experience

before they are on the job, Box said.

"We want the students to have practice before [working with patients]," she said. "When the students go out, they really have to be prepared as soon as they come in contact with the patient."

Parts for the interactive video have been received during the past month. The nursing program has not been alone in setting up the system.

"We really appreciate Dennis Herr [assistant professor of computer science] and Robin White [part-time computer science instructor] for getting this set up," Shippee said. "None of us are computer experts. We couldn't have done this without them."

Though students have not yet seen the interactive video system in operation, Southern hopes to have the program in place within one week.

Southern was one of 126 schools from a pool of 376 applicants to receive a grant. Box said the College was fortunate to receive the size of grant it did.

"I don't know anybody who received that much," she said. "We have become prestigious because of this grant."

Box said since obtaining the grant, nursing has received phone calls and catalogs from companies selling medical equipment. So far, approximately \$60,000 of the grant has been spent.

Box said due to the College's policy of careful bidding, the money has been stretched to buy most of the equipment requested by the program.

However, finding space for the equipment has been difficult. The items bought are being kept in practice and lab rooms. Nursing expects more room to become available next fall when the communications classes currently held in Kuhn Hall move to the new Webster Communications and Social Science Building.

"I'm looking forward to the other building to open up on schedule," Box said. "When the Webster Building opens up, we will open up Kuhn [Room] 201 for the video equipment."

"We have lots of wonderful equipment, but we're very limited on space."

LIGHTS OUT



Dayman Bryant (left), a Newton County sheriff's reserve officer, and Empire Electric District Company's Eric Ward inspect the damage done to a light pole at the corner of Newman and Duquesne Roads after William Foster ran his truck over the pole Tuesday afternoon.

► INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Frazier still studying playoff options

By JEFFREY SLATTON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Although pay-per-view is still an option should Missouri Southern host Pittsburg State University in a MIAA first-round basketball playoff game, it is not the only option being considered.

KSNF-TV, Joplin's NBC affiliate, carried the Jan. 29 meeting between the two schools. In that game, 1,700 fans packed Young Gymnasium to watch the Lions and Lady Lions defeat PSU.

Jim Frazier, men's athletic director, said only 510 of those in attendance paid to get in. The rest were students, faculty, Lionbacker Club members, and others who did not pay for various reasons.

"There will be no passes for the playoff games," he said. "The question is whether or not the people who normally do not have to pay will pay \$5 to get in."

Steve Russell, news director for KSNF, said his station definitely is interested in carrying a Southern-PSU playoff game.

"We are currently discussing the possible variables, but at this point we're not sure what we are going to do," he said. "If [Southern] plays [PSU] we would definitely be interested."

Russell said KSNF tries to cater to the four-state area and that any match-up other than Southern-PSU might not be feasible.

"We would prefer the local teams from Pittsburg and Joplin," he said.

"There will be no passes for the playoff games."
—Jim Frazier, men's athletic director

Darren Prather, KOAM-TV sports director, said his station also might be interested in covering the event.

"We are always interested in things like this," he said. "It is a matter of feasibility and the fact that we don't have a lot of time to act on it."

Frazier said his concern over putting the game on TV is whether the students would still show up.

"Coaches [Scott] Ballard and [Robert] Corn are emphatic about

the student body being at the games supporting their teams," he said.

Frazier said currently there is no movement toward public television, although approximately 50,000 fans watched the previous broadcast.

In the earlier televised game, Russell said KSNF was quite pleased with the way the broadcast turned out. However, the station seemed to have problems with the boisterous crowd.

march to the national championship. Prather said televising the road football games is completely different from doing games in Pittsburg or Joplin.

"Locally, it is a lot cheaper," he said. "Our decision would depend a lot on where the game would be played. Pitt State has a larger arena, and we wouldn't want to hurt the gate receipts there."

Frazier also has had contact with Cablecom of Joplin about the possibility of putting the game on pay-per-view.

"Subscribers would have to buy the game for about \$10," he said.

The other option may be closed circuit broadcast to Taylor Auditorium by MSTV.

Regardless of what decision is made, Frazier said the gate receipts from the playoff will go to the MIAA and the goal is to fill the stadium, not make money.

Frazier hopes to be able to make a decision by this weekend, as does KSNF.

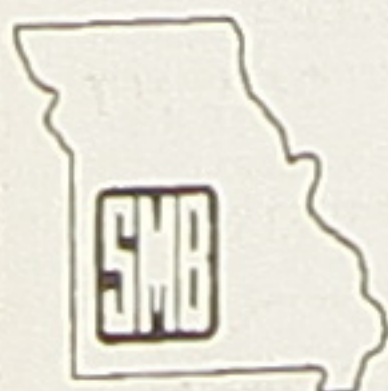
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EDITORIALS

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Not again

This is getting old. For the third time in five months, a violent crime has been committed in Missouri Southern's backyard.

When a lone gunman robbed the Fastrip just north of the residence halls Monday night, it demonstrated little has changed since clerk Lucinda Adams was murdered there Oct. 2.

Tony Grantham of Grace Energy Corporation, Fastrip's parent company, said "Its location makes it somewhat of a target." We knew that.

It doesn't take Dick Tracy to realize that a poorly lit corner in a quiet area is a felony waiting to happen.

How many more crimes will it take before the businesses, the College, area residents (students included), and the city of Joplin come to their senses and do something?

According to Grantham, "If someone is going to rob your business, there's little you can actually do."

That's the wrong attitude. It's our neighborhood, not Grantham's, and we must do something.

An excellent start would be adequate lighting on Duquesne Road just north and south of the College. A good second step would be increasing patrols of the area until its reputation as a lucrative target free of risk is eliminated.

It is time to break this pattern of crime.

We understand

Dig deep, folks. After Proposition B's sound trouncing at the polls in November, it was only a matter of time until students were asked to kick in.

Again. Last year, tuition was increased 10.6 percent, mainly to provide a 3.5 percent pay raise for faculty. This time, it appears students will get stuck with a 13 percent fee hike.

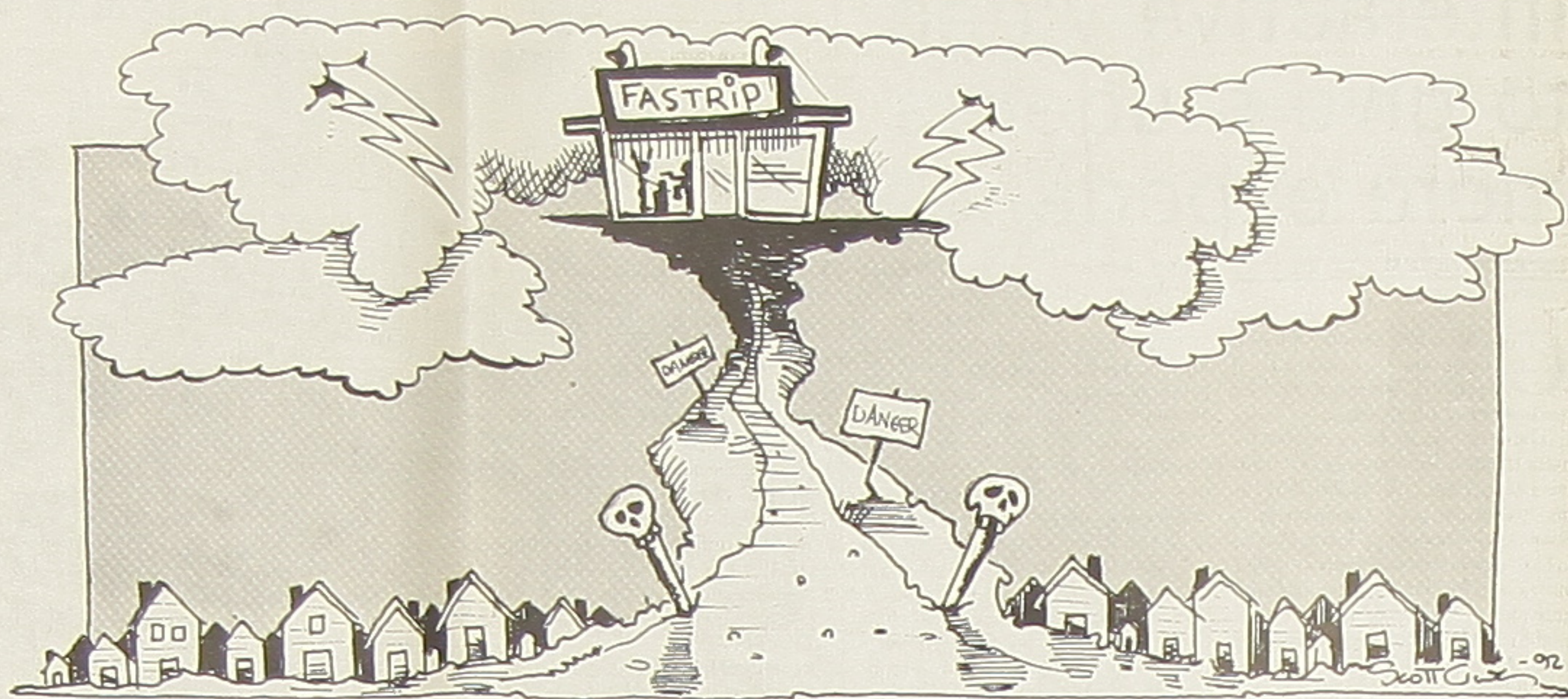
Ouch. Unfortunately, we must support College officials for trying to keep their finger in the dike. Perhaps one more sizable tuition increase will buy time until a funding package is approved, but don't hold your breath.

The cost of higher education is getting ridiculous, but we cannot blame Missouri Southern for this one. The blame rests with voters' refusal to approve Proposition B and with the Missouri General Assembly which has lost its taste for selling a tax increase to fund education.

Students of average means are close to being priced out of an education because neither voters nor lawmakers want to pay the price for quality education.

We understand the need for this increase, but how much more will we be expected to give?

How much more can we give?



► EDITOR'S COLUMN

Springfield to Joplin journey is torture

By **ANGIE STEVENSON**
SENIOR EDITOR

[Editor's note: This column is closed captioned for the reading impaired.]

Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce, why do you insist on torturing us? [This is often the point in some columns when the writer will provide a short background on how he or she arrived at his or her topic, thus justifying its importance. Usually, this is an indication that the subject is not of obvious credence or the writer doesn't really have anything important to say so he or she is stalling. Well, you won't find any of that nonsense in this column.] There are many issues worth discussing, many actions readers might be implored to take. But all pale in comparison to the monumental impact the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce has on everyone who embarks on the journey from Springfield to Joplin [sarcasm].

Unquestionably, the longest hour anyone could ever spend would be in a car on I-44 traveling west to Joplin. Time most definitely does not fly; it does not crawl. Time stands absolutely still.

The first half of the 70-mile trip goes comparatively well. You pop in a cassette (or a disc if you're so lucky), open a can of pop (or other choice beverage), and a

few songs and gulps down the road you hit Mount Vernon. It is now that your watch stops.

To make matters worse, as if the trip wasn't sans [French, meaning without] scenery and excitement to begin with, a few miles past Mount Vernon you see a sign: Joplin! Only 30 minutes away! This gives you some hope. Even if you've survived the trip in the past, you are filled with the false security that you will reach your destination in 30 short minutes. I repeat, false security.

The sign lies. It's evil. Do not, as much as you might want to, believe it. I'm not sure what Indy car the Chamber of Commerce was driving when it pulled this time out of the air. Maybe my made-in-Taiwan watch (I know, I know—buy American) isn't quartz-precision, but I've timed it. From the sign to the Joplin city limits, driving a safe five miles per hour over the speed limit, I've never made it in 30 minutes. Maybe they know something I don't; maybe there's a special law that allows for excessive speeds in case of boredom. It's no secret, this drive would qualify. But take heart, as the sign promises, once you reach the exciting metropolis of Joplin with its many attractions [hyperbole, gross exaggeration of the truth] your boredom quickly dissipates.

As you may know, the Chamber not only needs a lesson in time keeping, but also has problems in the area of reading odometers. Down the road a few yawns, you'll see another sign: Joplin! 20 miles. Another lie. Apparently, the Chamber is one up on the Missouri Highway Department. Two miles later, the Highway Department posts its 20-mile warning. Hmm, whom to trust?

It seems as though the science of mileology [made-up word, like cibeology—intentional] has a few kinks. According to my odometer, neither is correct. If you take the first Joplin exit, the Chamber's sign is three miles off and the Highway Department missed by a mile. Which brings up another point, which exit do mileage signs refer to? But, anyway...

OK, OK, we're talking about a few minutes, a few miles. What's the big deal? The point is (you've been waiting for this, I know) the trip is bad enough without the added torture of being told we're closer than we really are. I, for one, have had enough. It's high time we take a stand against these heinous signs [urge for action]. I'm just going to stop reading them. If we continue to be so gullible and believe the lies, it can only snowball and the time warp will worsen. Next time we look, Joplin will be 20 minutes away at Mount Vernon, and then 10, then five. Soon, Joplin will be in Mount Vernon!

On the other hand, if the signs were correct, we would no longer have this paradox to occupy our minds during the trip. After all, the only other point of interest along the way is the billboard promising a free 72-oz. steak to anyone who can eat it in one hour. I always spend at least five minutes imagining a steak that large, and another five to fathom the creature who could eat it in an hour.

In any event, now you know. Outside of the I-70 drive across Kansas, the longest trip you could embark on will take you from Springfield to Joplin. To sum it up: the drive sucks, the signs lie, and the person who could eat a 72-oz. steak in one hour should talk to David Letterman [conclusion].

► IN PERSPECTIVE

Is Southern cultural middle-ground?

By **DR. J.R. MOORMAN**
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As someone new to MSSC, southwest Missouri, and the four-state area, I can speak to my own cultural experiences in meeting MSSC students as well as the myriad citizenry. One of the things that attracted me to MSSC is the international mission of the College. Our mission statement reflects an expanding emphasis on those differences and similarities which make us who we are, whether we are from southwest Missouri or southwest Asia. What is important is not those things which make us unique, although these differences are important—but our interest should be on the meeting of cultures.

Fine and dandy you might say. We can recognize someone from another culture when we see them, and

can make allowances for their lack of English language skills and their ignorance of our ways. Obviously, this is not enough. We must be aware of other's worlds as well as our own. Allow me to make two points and leave with a question.

The first point has to do with our unique culture of the four-state area. Did you know this was a culturally distinct area? We sound different and look different from others. What happens when someone from Webb City meets someone from Kansas City? Are these two different cultures meeting? Yes, cultural understanding now requires us to recognize not only those from other countries as unique, but to recognize those from other counties as well.

Do you know who Christine Yamaguchi is? By the time you read this she may have an Olympic medal for ice skating. Is she an American? Is she Japanese? With a moniker like Yamaguchi, she sounds Japanese but in reality is from Fremont, Calif. Having heard her speak, I would assert that she speaks an English closer to "Valley Talk" than Japanese talk. To look at Ms. Yamaguchi you would assume she is not from the four-state area. My second point is that however cor-

rect that assumption is (in this case), you would be wrong to make such assumptions. Americans do not have a particular look.

Now to the promised question. What is the difference between ethnocentrism and multiculturalism? Ethnocentrism is the belief in the inherent superiority of one's own group. Compare that to specific types of centrism, such as Asiocentrism, Afrocentrism, and the oft-bashed Eurocentrism. There are many more centrisms. You may think of a few. Multiculturalism on the other hand may be said to be a recognition that all cultures (groups) are equal.

What happens when the centrist meets the multiculturalist? For example, what happens when the male-dominated European point of view/substitute female libertarian/substitute white supremacist/substitute black activist, etc., meets the melting pot/global village advocate? Each culture-based group has rights and yet all groups are entitled to be equal. Where is the middle ground that satisfies everyone? Is that place here at MSSC with its international mission? I hope so. Let me know.

YOUR
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Support the team

I have been told that you can never get the last word (for word) when you write to The Chart, but at least I will try to get mine. In his usual negative view, T.R. Hanrahan slam dunked Ron Fauss' positive view of our basketball games with PSU. GET REAL, T.R.

What do you mean it's no big time?! Have you ever been to the Hearnes Building when MU played KU or Barnhill Arena when Arkansas hosted Texas? Talk about sardine-packed!! and they have reserved seating—and armed security guards and hard-to-find restrooms. I'd like to be there when you try to get by the guard at the alumni section of either one of these arenas with

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Racial insensitivity found in 'Chart'

At a college parading the gimmick of having an having international focus, I would expect The Chart to be the last place I would find a racial slur. That is why I was offended and disgusted at the cultural insensitivity of The Chart staff.

At a time when racial discrimination is almost non-existent, we especially don't need the press belittling a particular race and stirring up hate for that race. If all races are equal, treat them all with respect. I am proud of my cultural heritage and the race I am a part of, regardless of your racist remarks. Let's try to treat all people justly and not show favoritism or discrimination based on skin color.

By the way, I am a proud white, and the of-

fensive comment was in the editorial stating, "That's mighty white of you, Southern." Since this is not the first time The Chart has lacked cultural awareness for European-Americans, I believe an apology is due for all of us people—without—color.

Ron Leonard
Sophomore elementary education major

P.S. Perhaps a good event to commemorate Black History Month could be a forum to discuss the legal, educational, and social implications of the blatant plagiarism discovered in Mr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s doctoral thesis.

Black or white, 'history month' racist

Stop promoting cultural ignorance and unintentional insensitivity!

Editorial writers of The Chart: Read your own editorials, get off the bandwagons, and think for yourselves!

Stop the stereotyping, too!

Your opening line concerning Black History Month was a classic case of stereotyping. "That's mighty white of you, Southern." Really? I happen to be white, so The Chart has indiscriminately pegged me as being "culturally ignorant and unintentionally insensitive." And we hardly know each other!

In some circles I may fit into the category of being culturally ignorant, but I am trying to educate myself.

While you weren't impressed with the "Soul Food" offering, what ideas did you suggest? Did The Chart put any effort into a special project for Black History Month?

If you don't want to put forth the effort, spare us your platitudes.

For that matter, did the Black Collegians do

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► SCIENCE

Chromosomes may bar women from Olympics

THE ECONOMIST ►

If people are made in God's image, then God is a woman. This is because, in nature, human embryos need to be told specifically to turn into boys. Without orders to the contrary, they become girls by default. This arrangement is caused by a single gene, SRY, which is found on the stunted "Y" chromosomes. Since X chromosomes have quite a lot of genetic work to do, men get one as well. But it is the Y-borne SRY that makes them what they are.

SRY is active in the embryo. It carries the instructions for a hormone called testis-determining factor. When TDF's work is done, the testes it has created produce a better known hormone—testosterone. Testosterone

reminds the cells in the embryo that they are part of a boy, and should behave accordingly.

Generally, there is no problem. The sex chromosomes arrive, one from each parent, and if the father's contribution is a Y, the embryo becomes male. But the path to manhood is narrow, and fraught with many dangers. It may be that no sex chromosome arrives from the father, leaving the embryo with but a single X. A Y may arrive, but its SRY gene may be faulty. Or, more subtly, the gene which makes the main receptors for testosterone (and which is actually found on the X chromosome) may be at fault. In this event the body's cells are unable to hear the chemical shout that tells them to be male. In all these cases a girl will be born. This is nature's way: female

until proved otherwise. But it is not the way of the International Olympic Committee. In the IOC's view you are male until proven otherwise.

The IOC has gotten itself in a muddle, and it matters. The problem started in the 1960s. Under the influence of scientific training regimens, athletes in general and women in particular became stronger and faster. Artificial steroids began to come in to use, with their androgenizing effects on female athletes. And rumors started to circulate that certain East European countries were cheating—introducing disguised men into the women's events.

The IOC felt it had to act. In 1968 it introduced sex tests. Hoping to do things scientifically and in a clear-cut way, it established a simple rule: two X chromosomes make you a

woman. The trouble is, they don't. During that time the justification for sex tests has changed subtly. The idea seems not only to catch any cheats. There is a feeling in the air that it is unfair, improper even, for people with unusual chromosome patterns to compete in women's events.

This is dangerous territory. Many athletic advantages may come from a person's genetic make-up. Even genetic effects which are generally regarded as harmful may have some benefit on the field of play. Marfan's syndrome, for instance, makes people unusually tall and therefore good candidates as basketball or volleyball players. Singling out genetically unusual women is unfair.

The "trackside" test may also come as an unpleasant shock to those who have not been aware of their

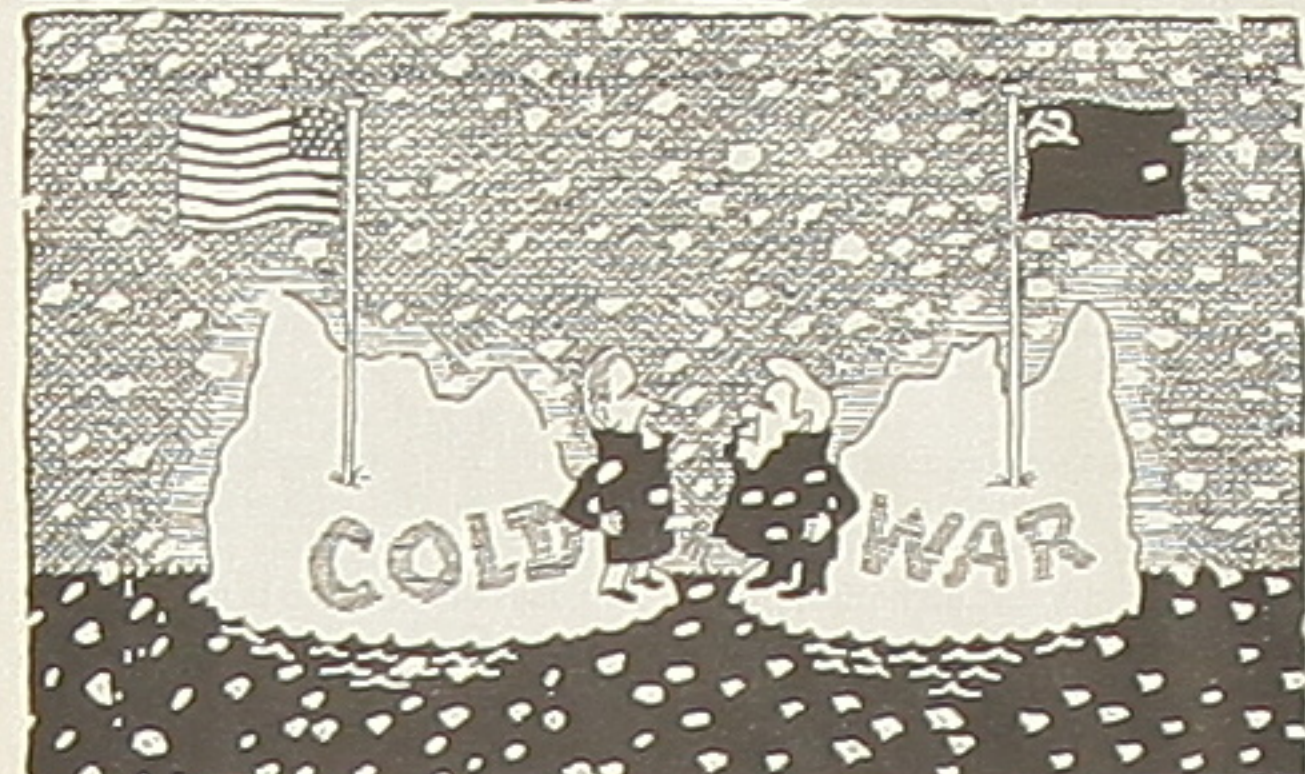
unusual complement of chromosomes. Sterility is a common side-effect—not something you want to learn about at the same time as disqualification.

So do such women have an edge over their two-X sisters? Possibly. Those who manufacture a male-sized dose of testosterone, but cannot respond to it in full, may still show some response, giving them a physical edge, and there is another matter. In women with the usual two X chromosomes, only one is fully working in any given body cell. These women, unlike most men and unlike their single X and X-Y sisters, have two slightly different active genotypes—a phenomenon with as yet unknown consequences.

Meanwhile, the rules for female athletes are changing, but in ways

that increase the muddle. The IOC, though not altering its formal position, is looking at ways to pluck genetic "motifs" from the Y chromosome out of cell samples. This would admit rare single-X women, but would still exclude the much larger number who carry a Y. The International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF), which covers track and field events, has been bolder. All it requires is a check on cheats—an examination of the external genitalia. This, it recommends, should be normal part of the medical examination, which all athletes should undergo as a matter of routine. Since the IOC accepts IAAF certificates of sex, this could lead to the ludicrous position that women who are eligible for some Olympic events would not be allowed to compete in others.

LURIE'S WORLD



► INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Cold War over, but countries not yet allies

By FRED C. IKLE

LOS ANGELES TIMES SYNDICATE

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Russia considers the United States and the West not as mere partners, but rather as allies," Boris Yeltsin told the United Nations Security Council earlier this month. The next day, at Camp David, President George Bush said he agreed with Yeltsin's objective "to turn former enemies not only into friends, but allies."

The Cold War indeed is over, and the rapidly evolving relationship between the U.S. and Yeltsin's Russia is immensely promising. Our two great nations, however, still have some way to travel to become genuine allies.

It is true that, in their political relationship, America and Russia no longer regard each other as adversaries. But in the military relationship, this assertion is premature. The Cold War legacy still keeps each side locked into a military posture that confronts the other as the principal potential enemy.

For some time to come, enough nuclear missiles will still be armed and deployed in Russia to totally destroy the U.S. nuclear missiles that will remain armed, ready, and targeted at Russia.

To be sure, last September Bush ordered all of America's strategic

bombers and part of its land-based missiles be removed from alert status. And a few days ago Yeltsin suggested further steps to overcome the adversarial confrontation between U.S. and Russian nuclear arsenals. He proposed deep reductions in nuclear missiles and bombers and does not want the remaining weapons in Russia and the U.S. aimed at the other side.

It will take time, however, to implement such changes. A year or two might be required to establish a reliable and verifiable arrangement that would disarm all the lethal missiles with which America and Russia still threaten each other.

We need to recognize that the Camp David declaration is, in essence, a declaration of good intentions. To translate these good intentions into reality, both Washington and Moscow must develop a long-term program for cleaning up, step by step, the horrendous detritus left from the Cold War.

The former enmity between the U.S. and the Soviet Union is, almost literally, cemented into the landscape. Throughout the northern hemisphere, 40 years of mortal confrontation have left behind thousands of military artifacts—piles of armaments, hundreds of radar stations, and other electronic installations, air bases, naval ports, nuclear laboratories.

The Cold War legacy also has a spiritual dimension. Below the surface of today's Russian-American amity lurks the mindset of the Cold War era, with its fear of a nuclear surprise attack and its fixation on the military "balance" or on parity in

nuclear arms.

Let us note that allies normally do not worry much about the military balance between them or insist on arms parity. France and Italy, or England and Germany, do not seek parity between their numbers of tanks and aircraft.

We must also be wary of new sources of military tension between the U.S. and Russia that could resurrect the Cold War mindset. The growing military strength of other nations, especially in the Middle East, might induce both Washington and Moscow to maintain, or to acquire, compensating military forces.

Only last week, U.S. Defense Secretary Dick Cheney cautioned Congress against deeper reductions in the defense budget, implying that American forces might not be strong enough in future years to defeat "another Iraq." Unfortunately, with such efforts to arm against emerging "third country" threats, America and Russia could stumble into a new arms competition with each other.

To build an American-Russian alliance, more will be needed than the large reductions in nuclear arms that have recently been proposed by both sides. Such reductions are a necessary, but insufficient, idea.

To protect and solidify the improvement in American-Russian relations, a fundamental transformation of the military relationship ought to be inaugurated. Washington and Moscow should plan to build a "defense community," like the institutional linking of the two military establishments analogous to the Economic Community that served Western Europe some 40 years ago.

Economically, Russia is a supplicant. But militarily she can play a global role constructively in a new partnership with the United States.

Four broad missions can be spelled out to give such a defense community content and purpose, and other missions that will emerge in the future.

First and foremost, the Russian-American defense community has to eliminate the hair-trigger confrontation between nuclear forces on each side. It has to create conditions so that Washington and Moscow will overcome the Cold War concept of mutual deterrence based on a constant, ever-ready threat of mass destruction.

Second, the community ought to eradicate gradually the habits of secrecy between the two military establishments.

Third, it would have to forge and implement common policies against nuclear proliferation. A good start has already been made on this complex and demanding task, and the joint project on ballistic missile defense proposed by Yeltsin fits in here.

Fourth, the community would have to support democratic, civilian control of the Russian military by strengthening the role and influence of elected officials in Moscow.

With a determined, well-designed program, the prospects for success are good. The armed forces of Russia and America have never fought a war against each other. But they did fight together as allies in two world wars. The day has come to forge an alliance, for the sake of both their peoples and the world at large.

► LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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your press pass.

Should MU build a bigger field house because they pack 13,143 Miz-zou fans in every game? The only insufficient planning at the PSU game was done by people who waited until the last minute to get tickets. As the signs clearly stated at noon of game day—we were sold out.

What does having a bigger facility have to do with the support we fans give our teams? Sure the teams may like a new facility, but as you yourself stated, it may be financially impossible now. I for one won't stop coming to the games to support (usually very vocally) our teams because it may be "sardine-packed."

By the way, the next few years

came sooner than you thought. WAKE UP, T.R. Our men's team has been nationally ranked in the top 20 twice already this year and has been voted (considered) for national rankings every week this season. Time sure flies when you're havin' fun!

I for one hope we do host a playoff game. I'll get my ticket early and not say one word when I hand over my five bucks (faculty and staff usually get in free, too, you know). And if by some chance, albeit very unlikely, I forget—then I can choose to pay and watch closed circuit or miss out altogether. Since we don't have a megafacility to get lost in, if you want to see a "live" game, get your ticket early. Steven Spielberg doesn't

have enough imagination to put more seating in Young Gymnasium.

T.R., old boy, our basketball teams deserve the best—the best support we can give them. Ron's right!!!! The Pitt State game was big time!! It was big time to the players, big time to the coaches, big time to the fans, and even a big time loss to PSU. Frankly, it burned me up to read the negative blatherings of a Chart editor who thinks basketball shoes are only worn with suits.

Christy Phillips
Lionbacker
Student services secretary

□ History/From Page 4

anything special? Why should I, being "mighty white," wring my hands over the passing of an event that even those for whom it designated ignored?

This also is a perfect example of the Political Correctness that is sweeping this country off its collective feet! A recent article in another publication cautioned others about the "Sensitivity Fascists" on the march on America's college campuses. I would echo that caution to readers of *The Chart* editorial pages. This isn't the first time *The Chart's* "Sensitivity Fascists" have made sweeping generalities.

I risk being branded a racist, but I believe there is more to being "international" than observing an arbitrary "Month." My view of being international is fairly simplistic; it

means having an interest in international affairs. I liken it to growing up and being more interested in others rather than yourself. All of us are becoming too culturally "egocentric," if you will.

I've often thought it unusual that we see "Black History Month," "Black Beauty Pageants," and other similar promotions to the exclusion of other races, including Caucasians. The argument in support of such racist events is that that's what whites did to blacks. My response is that two wrongs don't make a right. I don't think "Black History Month" should be promoted any more than "White History Month." How about "History Month?" We could include everybody and really learn something!

Let's quit being so sensitive and

start being more American. I do not accept the "African-American," "Asian-American," or "Mexican-American" labels any more than I accept "English-American" or "German-American."

Yes, we need to be more sensitive to each of our differences. But we all have contributions. We all have a heritage of which we are proud, even this "mighty white" member of Southern's community.

The Chart can help promote and share our differences, sans the trite phrases and suggestive stereotyping.

I'm not "mighty white" or "mighty black." I'm mighty American and I'm mighty proud of it!

Sincerely irked,
Rod Surber
News Bureau Manager

► GLOBAL VIEWS

International arena of 1992 hosts smorgasbord of cultural activities

Olympics, World's Fair, and EXPO '92 among scheduled events

By DR. ALLEN MERRIAM

PROFESSOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Back in 1931 Walter Sellar and Robert Yeatman published 1066 and all that, a clever spoof on British history. Their title would seem applicable to 1992. For this year we will be witnessing a stimulating smorgasbord of activities and celebrations on the global scene.

For starters, we have the usual quadrennial triumvirate of Leap Year, the Olympic Games, and a U.S. Presidential election.

Then this year we also observe the tercentenary of the Salem Witch Trials, the bicentennial of Mary Wollstonecraft's seminal essay on woman's equality, *Vindication of the Rights of Women*, and the centennial of Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker* ballet.

Add the Chinese Year of the Monkey, the opening of EuroDisney near Paris in April, and the United Nations Conference on the Environment scheduled for Brazil in June, and this year offers something for almost every taste.

But perhaps the dominant motif for 1992 involves the celebrations—

and controversies—surrounding the 500th anniversary of the arrival of Christopher Columbus in the Western Hemisphere.

Spain will honor the event with EXPO '92, a World's Fair in Seville from April 20 to Oct. 12. Columbus, Ohio, the largest city in the world bearing the explorer's name, will host AmeriFlora '92, an international showcase of food, art, music, and plants. Numerous other exhibits, programs, television documentaries, and publications will mark the quinquennial.

When Rodrigo de Triana, a sailor aboard the *Pinta*, shouted "Tierra! Tierra!" ("Land! Land!") on Oct. 12, 1492 he made one of the pivotal utterances of human history. The subsequent transfer of people, animals, products, diseases, and ideas across the Atlantic Ocean would transform the world.

An Italian merchant searching for India and funded by Spain, arrived in a Hemisphere whose dominant power now speaks English and whose second biggest national speaks Portuguese. That's real multiculturalism!

Interpretations of the Columbus event have become increasingly polarized. One view holds that Columbus' "discovery" of the New World represents a major contribution to the march of human progress. A wilderness would eventually be converted to a land of opportunity—the envy

of the world. Refugees from Vietnam to Haiti literally risk their lives to enter America, where more people enjoy more prosperity and freedom than ever achieved by any society.

Observers at the other end of the ideological spectrum see the European "invasion" leading to the tragic plunder and murder of millions of people. The 16th century priests Antonio de Montesinos and Bartolome de Las Casas condemned the conquistadores' slaughter of the native Americans. The subsequent importing of African slaves and devastation of Indian cultures in the United States perpetuated a pattern of racist violence and greedy exploitation. As a gesture of remorse Berkeley, California recently renamed October 12 "Indigenous Peoples Day."

Which of these interpretations is true? Clearly, both are. Efforts to impose European control over the hemisphere unleashed powerful forces with consequences both wonderful and horrifying.

The experience of the last 500 years should remind us that profound historical events, like our own personal lives, often involve a confusing mixture of competing and even contradictory motives and behaviors. Perhaps the lesson for us in 1992 is to recognize that ambiguity and complexity are inevitable aspects of life.

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Nancy Disharoon will present a seminar, "Building Your Professional Image," from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in Room 314 of the BSC. Topics include organization, managing time, gaining visibility, and building a network.

Elizabeth Kemm will speak to the Data Processing Management Association at 12:20 p.m. in Room 207 of Matthews Hall.

The Wesley Foundation meets at 2 p.m. in BSC Room 311.

Omicron Delta Kappa will gather from 2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. in Room 313 of the BSC.

The Non-Traditional Student Association will meet at 5:30 p.m. in Room 310 of the BSC.

Dr. V.L. Peterson will present a seminar to La Sociedad Hispano-Norteamericana Pro-Educacion from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Room 306 of the BSC.

The Mr. Twin Counties pageant begins at 7 p.m. in the Connor Ballroom. Admission is \$3.50.

21 TOMORROW

The Prexy Club will meet from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in Room 310 of the BSC.

The athletic committee will gather from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in Room 311 of the BSC.

22 SATURDAY

The Lady Lions tip off against Missouri Western at 6 p.m. in Young Gymnasium. The Lions play at 8 p.m.

23 SUNDAY

Lambda Beta Phi will meet at 6 p.m. in BSC Room 311.

The Kappa Alpha fraternity will gather from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in BSC Room 313.

Sigma Pi will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. in BSC Room 314.

24 MONDAY

The academic policies committee will meet at 3 p.m. in Room 306 of the BSC.

The Greek Council will meet at 4 p.m. in BSC Room 311.

Sigma Nu will meet at 5 p.m. in Room 313 of the BSC.

The CAB will present *My Own Private Idaho* at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. today and tomorrow in the BSC second-floor lounge.

25 TUESDAY

The Administrative Council will meet from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. in Room 310 of the BSC.

The Newman Club will gather from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 306 of the BSC.

The placement office will present "Minding Your Manners" at 12:15 p.m. in BSC Room 314. The seminar will cover business etiquette and social grace.

The Rodeo Club will meet at 5:30 p.m. in BSC Room 311.

Koinonia will meet at 7 p.m. at College Heights Christian Church on Newman Road.

26 WEDNESDAY

MSTV invites the public to a taped panel discussion about freedom of speech at 2 p.m. in Matthews Hall Room 103. The panel is one of a series for MSTV's Bill of Rights series.

The Lady Lions challenge the Jennies at Central Missouri State at 6 p.m. The Lions play the Mules at 8 p.m.

► CAREER PLANNING

Seminar covers job tips

By JENNIFER SEXTON
STAFF WRITER

Taking the initiative to prepare for an interview was the main focus of a career planning seminar Tuesday.

The seminar featured tips on preparing for the interview; researching the job, company, and industry; and making it through the interview.

"Take the initiative to find out what's going on in the company," said Nancy Disharoon, director of career planning and placement. "Find out who the major competitors are and what new innovations are going on in the company."

"Find out enough that would allow you to carry on an intelligent conversation about that company. Don't set yourself up for blank looks and wrong answers."

Information about industries and job descriptions are available in libraries and counseling centers.

"It is amazing how many people don't research before they go into the interview," Disharoon said. "To go in [the interview] unprepared is just shooting yourself in the foot."

She suggests students sell themselves to the employer using the interview as their sales pitch. She also said to consider the people they are competing with as exceptional applicants. She said to practice sales pitches verbally into a recorder as practice for fine tuning oral presentations. However, she said not to memorize speeches.

"The absolute worst thing you could do is to walk into an interview with a canned speech," Disharoon said. "Be prepared, but not canned."

Disharoon said although the first impression is 92 percent visual, what people know, do, and say make up 8 percent of the impression. The first minute could make or break the interview.

"In dressing, casual is best for the interview," she said. "Your appearance really does make a difference. How a person carries themself and their eye contact really tells someone how they feel about themselves."

Disharoon suggests students take to the interview a portfolio with paper and a black ink pen, along with several copies of their resume. Courtesy also is vital.

"Part of your job as a candidate is to make everyone feel comfortable," Disharoon said. "We want to create a teamwork environment."

"Never underestimate the power of a receptionist; treat them with the same respect you would an employer. Tell them who you are, why you are there, what time and who your appointment is with."

She said students need to be careful not to set themselves up for trouble.

"When you sit down, make sure you can get back up without turning around," Disharoon said. "Once you make eye contact, you don't want to break it."

► HEALTH

Dental, medical help available on campus

Practical rates set for students

By KRISTA CURRY
STAFF WRITER

Root canals or heart surgery may be out of the question, but minor medical and dental services are available to all Missouri Southern faculty and students.

Individuals needing doctor or dental care on campus may contact Irma Hartley, registered nurse, or Sandra Scorse, director of the dental program.

The medical program began in 1969 when Dr. J.R. Kuhn, for whom Kuhn Hall is named, was the original physician.

"The services are available for any student," Hartley said. "And there's no charge for the services."

"The only charge we do have here is if the doctor prescribes an antibiotic which in this area costs about \$2 for a 10-day supply," she said.

The campus doctor, Dr. Richard Kenney, comes to the College two days a week: from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Mondays and 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

A DAY OFF



Joplin High School students Nicole Talley and Aaron Zustiak take advantage of not having school Monday to fly kites on campus.

► BAG-A-CAREER/INTERVIEWS

Program prepares students

By DAWN ADAMSON
ARTS EDITOR

Area employers and Missouri Southern are working together through Bag-A-Career, a program to help students prepare for the job search.

"Bag-A-Career sessions are strictly casual information sessions usually held during the noon hour," said Nancy Disharoon, director of career planning and placement. "We provide soft drinks and potato chips for the students. If they want to bring a sack lunch they can do that, too."

Area employers speak to students about the qualifications they look for when hiring.

"Sometimes there's information on internships and part-time opportunities," Disharoon said.

Students interested in these sessions may contact the career planning and placement office. Posters also are placed in every building on campus.

The career planning and placement office also asks prospective

employers to come to Southern and interview seniors and alumni.

"The interviews through this office are strictly for permanent positions [upon graduation] for students completing degree programs here," Disharoon said.

Interviews are held in the career planning and placement office.

"Currently in our employer database we have well over 500 businesses and industries," Disharoon said.

She said the closer the business is geographically, the easier it is for it to make the visit.

"The majors that are easiest to place are those that are considered more technical. For example, computer science and accounting," Disharoon said.

She estimated 85 percent of the firms recruiting on campus make offers to students.

Interested persons may contact the career planning and placement office to schedule an interview.

"When these interview slots fill up, there's nothing we can do," Dish-

► CAMPUS SECURITY

Committee views student citations

Appeals group gives leniency

By P.J. GRAHAM
CAMPUS EDITOR

Students who think they have been ticketed unfairly have the chance to put campus citations in reverse.

A traffic appeals committee was formed last fall to enable students the chance to dispute traffic citations issued on campus.

Bill Boyer, chief of campus security, said he started the committee to reduce stress.

"The only way a person could get their citation voided was from me," he said. "It put too much pressure on me, too much pressure on the student, and too much pressure on the officer."

This month, the committee meets at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28 in the conference room on the third floor of Hearnes Hall. The committee generally meets the last Friday of each month.

Three people serve on the committee, but currently only one position is filled. Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities, holds one of the seats. A member of the Student Senate holds another, but the Senate representative changes from month to month. Last semester a physical plant employee held the third position, but he no longer works at the College. Boyer is looking for someone to fill the position.

He said there are some situations which call for flexibility.

"If it is a first-semester freshman, we try to be very lenient," he said. Carlisle agrees.

"By the time you're a senior, you pretty well know the parking rules," she said. "It's all situational, and sometimes we [the committee members] disagree."

Carlisle said some common problems the committee faces include people simply not seeing parking signs or people parking in places where there are no signs.

"Some of them honestly feel they shouldn't have been issued a citation," Boyer said. "But you can't have a sign for every parking place. Everybody thinks they have a good reason to be [parked] there."

Boyer also said many people cited for parking on grass, in car-pool areas, or in faculty/staff parking places believe they should not have been ticketed. Also, many students do not register their vehicles thinking they will not be penalized for parking in restricted areas.

However, Boyer said vehicles which constantly show up in restricted areas can be checked by the car's license plate number.

For anyone interested in filing a citation appeal, a procedure must be followed. Students need to take their citation to the business office in Room 210 of Hearnes Hall within two days of receiving it and pay the fine plus \$1 as an administrative fee.

Business office personnel will initial the citation. Students need to take the citation to the security office to fill out the appeal form.

If an appeal is approved by the committee, the fee will be credited to the student. Students who have filed appeals need not be present during the committee's meeting.

"This [the committee] is to make the student feel he has gotten a fair shake," Boyer said.

MSTA keeps occupied

By P.J. GRAHAM
CAMPUS EDITOR

Seeking new ideas in education keeps Missouri Southern's chapter of MSTA on the road.

On Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 the campus chapter of the Missouri State Teachers Association attended a spring workshop and executive committee meeting at the Tan-Tar-A resort at the Lake of the Ozarks. Pamela Marta, senior business education major and club president, said 18 Southern members went for the workshops available.

"We had workshops on how to be an effective teacher," she said. "Hopefully, from the workshops and things we do, they [education students] will be able to use the ideas they get. I think it helps them become more professional."

Some of the workshops the group has attended this year include how to use writing and holidays in the classroom and "Green Thumbs Up"—a seminar about science.

Also at the spring workshop, Marta was elected as MSTA's state newsletter editor.

"That was a first for Missouri Southern," she said. "Usually the big universities carry it away."

Marta's duty is to collect all the chapters' newsletters and edit them into one state publication.

Marta said most schools sent only one or two people to the meeting, versus Southern's 18 members.

"We pretty much walked away with attendance," Marta said. "Missouri Southern has really shined in that area. Southern is finally getting a name in MSTA."

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UPCOMING EVENTS
CALENDAR

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"Artists of the American West:" through Sunday; Spiva Art Center

"The Swords of Xanadavia:" premiere of a children's fantasy; presented by Southern Theatre at 2:30 p.m. Feb. 29 and March 1; Taylor Auditorium

"Stray Dog:" presented by the Missouri Southern Film Society; 7:30 p.m. Tuesday; Connor Ballroom; 417-625-9393

JOPLIN

Smoot Mahutle: tomorrow and Saturday; Champs; 516 Joplin; 417-82-4944

Vern Leeber: Wednesday; Champs; 516 Joplin

Big Bang: tomorrow; Bypass; 1212 Main; 417-624-6544

Nace Brothers: Saturday; Bypass; 1212 Main

Alternative rock: every Wednesday; Bypass; 1212 Main; 417-624-6544

Watercolor or acrylic watercolor: Art Central Workshop; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; 308 E. Central; Carthage

SPRINGFIELD

Woven Vessels: organized by the Craft Alliance Center for Visual Arts; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, and 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday; through Sunday; Springfield Art Museum; 417-866-2716

Dale Leys: large drawings: through Feb. 28; Springfield Art Museum; 417-866-2716

"Lend Me a Tenor:" Wednesday through Feb. 29; Springfield Little Theatre; Landers Theatre; 311 East Walnut; 417-869-1334 or 417-869-3869

TULSA

Seeking the Floating World: The Japanese Spirit in Turn-of-the-Century French Art: an exhibit of 153 works by 70 artists from the 1860s to the 1900s; through March 15; Philbrook Museum of Art; 918-749-7941

Italian Art for Tulsa: The 30th anniversary of the Kress Collection Gift: a documentary exhibit of photographs, catalogs, and materials related to the Samuel H. Kress Collection of 14th-century Italian painting and sculpture; through March 1; Philbrook Museum of Art; 918-749-7941

Shared Visions: Native American Painters and Sculptors in the Twentieth Century; through April 12; Gilcrease Museum; 918-582-3122

"Arsenic and Old Lace:" through Sunday; Williams Theatre; Tulsa Performing Arts Center; 918-587-8402

OKLAHOMA

"Alone Together:" tomorrow through Sunday; Broken Arrow Community Playhouse; Broken Arrow, Okla.; 918-258-0077

KANSAS CITY

"A Streetcar Named Desire:" 8 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday, Feb. 28-29; Goppert Theatre; Avila College; 11th and Wornall; 816-942-8400

"A Midsummer's Night Dream:" 8 p.m. Saturday; Folly Theatre; 12th and Central; 816-474-4444

ST. LOUIS

Red Skelton: 8 p.m. Feb. 28-29; 3 p.m. March 1; Fox Theatre; 527 North Grand Boulevard; 314-534-1678

SOUTHERN THEATRE

Good, evil battle in futuristic story

Honor, trust, and love are the main themes in *Swords of Xanadavia*, a children's play written by Todd Webber, a 1991 Missouri Southern graduate.

Southern Theatre and the Show Me Celebration Company will present the futuristic story at 2:30 p.m. Feb. 29 and March 1 in Taylor Auditorium.

The three main themes of the play are vital in conquering the dark forces of evil, said Sam Claussen, associate professor of theatre.

"The theme of the play is that bad guys don't win and good guys do win," Claussen said.

In the 26th century, on the planet Xanadavia, the hereditary imperial rulers are about to engage in an ancient family custom. The All-High, Royal Princess is to be married to the swiftest and most powerful fighter in the imperial Rollerjoust Games. The setting will feature several strobe lights and "rap" music.

"The play is a great experience for me because everything is all new stuff," said Georgina Collinson, senior theatre major. "The play is original, but with rap music and surprising sound design. The lights and everything involved are very new."

"Six people in the cast had to learn to roller-blade skate with hockey sticks," Claussen said.

Ruthless and cruel Von Muenstrauss, the wealthiest, most feared man in the universe, prepares to win

the hand of the Princess Olivia through foul means. It is only his first step toward the overthrow of the Xanadavia Empire.

An apparent chance crash-landing on the planet of a mysterious stranger upsets the wicked schemes of the evildoers.

When Herrick, the stranger, enters the Rollerjoust Games with a sworn promise to save the princess from the clutches of evil and protect all Xanadavians, the corrupt and evil Von Muenstrauss strikes back with a vengeance.

The cast of *Swords of Xanadavia* includes Kelly Allen, freshman speech and drama education major; Jennifer Carroll, junior speech and drama education major; William R. Watts, junior speech and drama education major; Georgina Collinson, senior theatre major; Imma Curl, sophomore theatre major; Michael Evans, junior speech and drama education major; Moira Hopper, freshman speech and drama education major; David Lane, freshman undecided; Steve Mandeville, senior speech and drama education major; Tom McCauley, junior theatre major; Cindy Clinkenbeard, freshman theatre major; and Jami Burton, sophomore speech and drama education major.

Crew members for the play include James Carter, senior; Stephanie Cain, senior theatre major; Anne Jaros, assistant professor of theatre; and Lawrence Alford, senior theatre major.

PLAYING THE PART



Southern Theatre and the Show Me Celebration Company rehearse for their performance of *Swords of Xanadavia*. It is a futuristic children's play written by Todd Webber, a 1991 Missouri Southern graduate.

Tickets are \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children 12 years old and younger. For ticket information, persons may contact the theatre office at 625-9393.

Swords of Xanadavia is Webber's second children's play to be produced

by Southern Theatre. He wrote *Snow White and Rose Red*, which was presented last year.

Snow White and Rose Red was an entry in the American College Theatre Festival and garnered two regional Irene Ryan acting audition nomina-

tions. Webber is working professionally as an actor in the Kansas City area. His latest essay is a feature role in the long-running hit *Sheer Madness* at the Heartland II Theatre.

YOU DIDN'T KNOW MY FATHER

Play to educate public about reality of death

Students, hospital join in project

By DAWN ADAMSON
ARTS EDITOR

Freeman Hospital and Missouri Southern students are working together to present the public with the reality of death and the need for a living will.

A capable adult has the right to make decisions about his/her health care including the acceptance or refusal of medical treatment, according to Freeman Hospital. For this purpose any person 18 years of age or older may fill out a living will.

"You Didn't Know My Father is

a play written by Barbara Kay Davidson in the 1970s when the idea of a living will came up," said Mike Smith, junior theatre major and director of the play. "Since the court rulings that have been coming up, this has really become a hot item."

Pamela Shute, director of quality management at Freeman Hospital, brought the play to Dr. Jay Fields, director of theatre. Smith became the director, and five people were chosen to perform the play.

"The play will be used as part of a community wide education program," Shute said. "It is an alter-

native to lectures and video tapes. It truly will elicit discussion and cause people to think."

Moira Hopper, freshman speech and drama education major, portrays a religious mother whose son needs a kidney transplant.

Steve Mandeville, senior speech and drama education major, plays the role of a son whose father has had a stroke. His sister is played by Jennifer Carroll, junior speech and drama education major.

Patrick Worley portrays a man in his 50s who still lives with his mother. She is in the hospital due to diabetes difficulties.

Dr. Burelli is played by Brenda

Jackson, part-time theatre instructor. There is a conflict between the brother and sister. He wants to let his father die and she doesn't.

"These two are totally opposite, yet they share the same love for the same man," Smith said.

"It makes you think should you fight all the way to the end or should you lay down and go easy," he said. "For such a short little script (45 minutes), it's got a big impact."

You Didn't Know My Father is available for businesses, community and civic organizations, church groups, classes, and others upon request when time allows.

"It's mainly older people that are

interested, but we really want to reach the younger people," Shute said.

"A lot of us have lost friends in car accidents and things like that, so it hits at home," Smith said.

The play has been performed once at Freeman Hospital for selected staff members, and a March 18 performance at Freeman Hospital is being planned. The Cruzan family may speak at that program.

"We like to just pick you up and slap you around with the reality of life, that's the idea of theatre," Smith said. "We don't want to scare anybody or hurt anyone; we just want to make people aware."

DEBATE

Competition tough for Southern squad

By HONEY SCOTT
STAFF WRITER

Last weekend Missouri Southern's debate squad ventured to the West Texas State/University of Oklahoma Swing Individual Events Tournament and came away with a "great learning experience."

"It was a very competitive tournament," said John Kerney, junior accounting major. "It was comparable to a national tournament with about 40 schools."

Curt Gilstrap, freshman marketing major; Kim Lawry, freshman history major; Nick Hays, freshman undecided; and Kerney attended the tournament.

Kerney took fifth out of about 60 entries in dramatic interpretation and broke into the semifinals in poetry out of an estimated 65 contestants.

"It was a really tough national level of competition," Kerney said. "[It was] a lot more difficult than we thought it would be. We didn't expect the amount of schools and caliber of competition that were there. My performance has greatly

improved in the last three years.

"In a few events we were within one or two rankings from advancing to the finals."

Lawry came within one ranking of advancing to the semifinals in dramatic interpretation. She and Kerney lacked one ranking of making the finals in programmed oral interpretation.

"We did well in certain areas," said Brooks Haynie, debate coach. "It also pointed out some places where we need some work. We had a really good effort and recognized where we need to work on weaknesses that we will eliminate by this weekend."

The squad will travel to Cape Girardeau this weekend for the Missouri Association of Forensics Activities tournament.

"I'm looking forward to the state tournament," Kerney said. "We expect to do very well there."

"I feel very comfortable going into this weekend's tournament," Haynie said. "We should be very competitive."

The following weekend, Feb. 28 through March 1, the team will travel to St. Louis University.

Robbery/From Page 1

"This did not even happen in the wee hours," he said. "If someone is going to rob your business, there's little you can actually do."

"We will continue to do what we can, but it is somewhat difficult."

Ironically, a Jasper County sheriff's officer was en route to the store at the time of the robbery. He arrived shortly after the robbery had been reported to Joplin police.

"We have business accounts with the sheriff's department," Grantham said. "It is my understanding that a deputy was on the way to fill up his car just before the crime occurred."

The robber headed north on foot after leaving the store, police reports indicate.

As of yesterday, the Joplin Police Department had no new leads on the case.

SOUTHERN THEATRE

Professor better lighting skills

Claussen learns stage technology

By JASON HAASE
STAFF WRITER

In the field of stage lighting, technology moves so quickly that sometimes it is necessary for one to take time and catch up.

Sam Claussen, associate professor of theatre, took a sabbatical leave last semester to learn more about advanced technology in stage lighting.

"It was a time that I was able to take off, recharge, learn new stuff, and be able to come back and teach students new stuff," he said.

Claussen said in the field of stage lighting if one is not working in the industry it is easy to get behind quickly.

His sabbatical was taken with Springfield's Associated Theatrical Contractors (ATC).

"I'd known this company since I'd worked here because we do a lot of business with them in terms of getting theatrical supplies," Claussen said. "It was just an opportunity I

created myself."

While working with ATC, he had the opportunity to see the newest lighting systems and ask questions about them.

"I just hung out with this lighting company and learned a lot of stuff about what the new systems are and how they operate and what the technology is," Claussen said.

He described his experience as hands-on training. While lighting systems were being repaired, Claussen said he was able to ask questions and pick at their brains.

"I learned the way they approach problems, and I think it's probably applicable to anything in life," he said.

He found that a deductive reasoning approach to problem solving is the logical approach to thinking. The tests Claussen gives now reflect what he learned. The tests require a critical thinking approach to solving problems instead of memorizing facts.

"I teach the textbook stuff, but I don't teach a lot of good practice," he said, "so I've altered the approach to classes I take."

He gives tests that present problems and ask for their solution based upon the theory and lecture material he has given.

"I want at some point to offer an advanced lighting class," Claussen said. "In that advanced lighting class what I'm going to do is talk more about the technology that's there and discuss it with people."

Although recent budget cuts have delayed the purchase of an upgraded lighting panel, Claussen said because of the new techniques he has learned he now is able to do more things with the existing unit.

"I hope that some day we'll get a new lighting system," he said. "When we do I'm going to be right there saying 'Here's the kind to get' because after having worked with the latest technology I can say 'Here's how we can save money but get better effects.'"

What did he really get out of this sabbatical?

"I got a rest," Claussen said. "I was able to do something totally different than what I've done in terms of teaching, and I was able to get reacquainted with my children, too."

MISSOURI SOUTHERN FILM SOCIETY

'Stray Dog' to play at Billingsly Tuesday

The famous Japanese film *Stray Dog* will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Connor Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center.

The 1949 film directed by Akira Kurosawa stars Toshiro Mifune. *Stray Dog* is a detective-crime thriller of uncommon depth and seriousness. Mifune plays a rookie detective whose Colt automatic is stolen. Convinced that he is respon-

sible for every crime that may be committed with his gun, he begins a desperate search for it. His hunt takes him through Tokyo's underworld haunts, a maze of slums, squalid amusement dens, and black market activities. The trail finally leads to a wanted thief and killer who has already made use of the stolen weapon.

Many feel that *Stray Dog* has been topped only by another later

Kurosawa film, *High and Low*, as Japan's best detective picture.

Stray Dog is the seventh program in the International Film Festival presented by the Missouri Southern Film Society. Financial assistance for this project has been provided by the Missouri Arts Council.

Single admission is \$1.50 for adults, and \$1 for senior citizens and students.

► THE ECONOMY

Local television affiliates feel recession's pinch

By SHARON WEBER
EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR

While recessionary conditions exist nationwide, Joplin area television network affiliates especially are feeling the pinch.

The three affiliates started experiencing the financial crunch two years ago.

The first blow came in November 1989, when Benton County, Ark., was moved from the Joplin-Pittsburg market. The move dropped the market from 119 to 143 in rankings.

"Theoretically, that move had a direct effect on advertising rates," said Dr. Dom Caristi, assistant professor of communications at Missouri Southern. "They (the local stations) just can't charge as much for advertising."

The base rate for advertising is based on the market size. This change not only affects the local advertising rate but also the rate charged for national advertisers, such as Coca-Cola and McDonald's.

"This does cause a change in pricing," said Richard Armfield, KOAM-TV vice president and general manager. "It is also influenced by supply and demand, audience type, and desirability."

However, Armfield doesn't think KOAM has suffered greatly from this setback.

Bill Bengtson, KSNF-TV vice pres-

ident and general manager, sees the effect in areas beside the pricing of advertising.

"It didn't have a big local effect," he said. "Where it affected us was with dealer groups."

The dealer groups, such as car dealerships and fast-food chains in the area, each contribute equally to an advertising campaign.

"When we lost that area, that affected some of that business but not to a huge amount," Bengtson said.

Bengtson wasn't surprised by the loss of Benton County since KSNF had kept track of the possibility.

"Benton County was important to us, but it was only one county," he said.

Jerry Montgomery, KODE-TV general manager, arrived in this area after the reduction of Benton County but has seen the changes caused by the move.

"This has been felt mainly in the area of national sales for us," he said. "When you eliminate a market, you are eliminating the amount of area a product is going to."

Little effect was seen on KODE's local market. However, like KSNF, KODE saw a decrease in automobile advertising.

The second blow occurred with cuts in the amount of compensation paid to the local affiliates.

"Compensation has been a nice chunk of change that the local networks have gotten used to," Caristi

said.

For example, CBS, NBC, and ABC have cut all compensation that they pay for sporting events.

"Our costs have remained the same or increased in the last two years," Armfield said. "We just have had to make up the difference or settle for less profit."

KOAM may have it easier than the other local affiliates.

"CBS has traditionally paid more compensation than NBC or ABC," Caristi said. "CBS is now coming in line with the other two networks."

The effects of compensation cuts mean more to the smaller markets than to the larger ones.

"The loss of compensation was more harmful than losing Benton County," Bengtson said. "Those dollars all go to the bottom line with no expenses coming out of it."

Bengtson sees the compensation rates dropping even more in the future. The national networks are run like businesses with the bottom line being profits.

"They're (the networks) narrow-sighted and are looking for the short-term solution," Bengtson said. "After all, the networks have really been in the dumps for the last two years. Prior to that, they made enormous profits."

KODE was fortunate in that ABC was not the leader in compensation pay. "The impact to ABC stations hasn't been as dramatic as it has

been to NBC or CBS stations," said Montgomery.

"Our network compensation was really down a very small percentage, but we do expect the rate of pay to continue to go down."

The last blow has been the recession. "I know the country is in a recession. *The Wall Street Journal* tells me every day," Armfield said.

"However, the Joplin market did not go through a big boom era. Therefore, Joplin isn't going through a sinking period, either."

Cuts have been made during the last two years by all three affiliates. "No extra personnel is hanging around at any local network," said Caristi. "Advertising is also soft right now."

KOAM has adopted a policy of streamlining things, not people.

"We have an efficient number of people working now," Armfield said. "We are trying to make savings in other areas aside from people."

One form of streamlining is making efficient use of the available staff and eliminating specialists.

"We have always run a lean and efficient machine," Bengtson said. "Our people are able to do many different things. Everyone, including me, wears many different hats."

KODE has been able to avoid layoffs and has no current plans to begin any. "We haven't replaced personnel when they have quit," Montgomery said. "Fortunately, we

haven't had any layoffs yet."

The recession, on the national level, has caused the syndicators to lower the price of their shows. This factor has helped the affiliates on the local level.

"When our revenues go down, we're not willing to pay as much for programs," Bengtson said. "The syndicators are feeling the pinch of competition."

Another national recession factor that has filtered down to the local level is in advertising.

"The majority of our difficulty was our national advertising," Bengtson said. "Most of that came out of the car business. Our friends in the car business had a difficult year and pulled back on their advertising."

Besides the three "whammies" of financial obstacles, the local affiliates have had to face additional competition for viewers and advertising dollars from cable television.

"Our market isn't really as saturated as most of the country," Armfield said. "But it does provide bigger slices of the advertising pie."

Arbitron ratings show a 54 percent saturation level for the Joplin-Pittsburg market. This figure is slightly below the national average.

The cable industry hasn't been a factor to be reckoned with, but this factor is changing.

"It's something that wasn't there a few years ago," Bengtson said. "Whatever money it takes out of the

market, it's been taken. It goes someplace else."

As programming costs rise, other cutbacks still are possible.

"The biggest savings is in reducing programming," Caristi said. "They may have to elect to get rid of the local news."

"One of the biggest expenses is local news production. I wouldn't be surprised, but I would be very saddened."

Caristi isn't alone in his concern over the possible demise of local news. However, Bengtson doesn't see it happening in the Joplin area soon.

"It (local news) is a profit center for us," Bengtson said. "This is a very competitive market. But there are other markets who have to consider dropping their news."

Some factors that would influence the decision are salary increases, equipment cost, and maintenance. But the determining factor is whether the public good is being served.

"At some point, you have to look hard at how you're serving the public," Bengtson said. "But that is not true for this market."

Montgomery sees the survival of the local news and the local affiliate in maintaining localism.

"Their survival is based on their involvement in the community, and local news is a very integral part of that," Montgomery said. "Localism is the key to survival."

► THE RECESSION

Joplin plays anyway

By SHARON WEBER
EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR

No matter what, people need some kind of entertainment," said Robert Mabary, city manager for Dickinson Theaters.

The Joplin area unemployment rate is slightly more than 5 percent. However, the entertainment industry here does not confirm this rate or the nationwide recession.

"We are running about the same as last year," Mabary said. "The recession hasn't had any effect on our business."

A recent issue of *Box Office* magazine stated that the average American goes to a movie twice a month.

The motion picture industry reports that more than one billion tickets were sold last year.

This figure steadily has grown, along with ticket prices.

Higher ticket prices have people turning to video rentals.

"When you rent movies, you get more for the money," said John Hyman of Crown Video. "It costs much less to stay home and pop your own popcorn."

Only the movie rental business is aided by recession and unemployment, Hyman said.

"You get more entertainment for the money," he said. "The weather hurts our business more than the recession."

The recession also has had an effect on the local bowling industry. However some improvement has been seen.

"Business was lackluster in the fall," said Bill Lisle, manager of Carl Richard's Bowl. "It wasn't bad, just flat."

Carl Richard's business has gone up since the first of the year. However, some signs of the recession still remain.

"Our bad-check balance was up," Lisle said. "That's always a definite sign of a recession."

Joplin's Stonebridge Productions finds it difficult to believe a recession is in progress.

"We are a 100 percent luxury industry," said Al Zar, co-owner of Stonebridge Productions. "In the last 18 months, our ticket sales are up."

Stonebridge is responsible for bringing entertainers such as Reba McEntire, Sawyer Brown, and Randy Travis to Joplin.

"Not only are ticket sales up, but concession sales are up, too," Zar said.

He estimates more than \$500,000 has been spent in the last six months in ticket and concession sales in the Joplin area.

"With that kind of money being spent, it's hard to believe there is a recession going on," Zar said.

TAKE YOUR PICK



JOHN HACKER/The Chart

Mike Valverde of Joplin and Stefanie Haver of Webb City check out the selection of video movies at the Crown Video at 3331 N. Range Line. Despite the recession, business at video stores has been steady.

► CITY COUNCIL

Who has to take out the garbage?

Trash responsibility still under question

By BRIAN SANDERS
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

For the time being, landlords and renters in the Joplin area still will have to argue about who takes the garbage out.

The Joplin City Council dumped a proposal after a heated debate Monday night to place solid waste disposal requirements on renters and landlords.

Shortly after that, with almost no debate, the Council passed an amendment to the city code requiring commercial establishments to recycle solid waste.

The disposal ordinance, which was recommended by the solid waste advisory commission, was proposed as an emergency ordinance requiring six votes for passage.

Joplin Mayor Cheryl Dandridge and Councilmen Bob Pullen, Milton Wolf, and Donald Clark voted to pass the ordinance. Councilmen Jim West, Ron Richard, and Doug Hunt voted against the ordinance, while Councilmen Earl Carr and Bernie

Johnson, who own rental property, abstained from voting.

Kevin Manard of Manard Realty expressed displeasure at landlords having to be responsible for renters' garbage.

"I don't want to be responsible for their utilities, because it would result in a 30 percent markup in rental rates," he said. "The person generating the trash has got to be the one responsible for that trash."

Harold McCoy, public works director, said the city received 1,500 garbage-related complaints last year, a figure he said was "unheard of three years ago...a major problem."

McCoy said a majority of the garbage was coming from minority rental property and a need for dumpsters exists.

Roy Freeman Jr., president of the Southwest Missouri Rental Association, told the Council that renters should bear the burden rather than landlords.

"It is the user of the service that is responsible for the bill," he said. "The trash maker is the one you should put the burden on."

SMRA representative Donna Krudwig, who owns rental property in

Webb City, agreed with Freeman, but said the SWAC "hasn't gone as far as it needs to go."

"How many of you feel obligated to pay your customers' bills?" she asked the Council. "Don't make it my obligation."

Leonard Martin, Joplin city manager, praised Krudwig for providing trash service for one-third of her tenants "because I (Krudwig) choose to, not because I am forced to."

However, individual members of the Council were divided when the subject came up for voting.

"I am not prepared to vote for this tonight," West said.

"I will vote no on this, because not all aspects of this issue have been pursued," Richard said.

The Council vote on the recycling ordinance, however, was unanimous.

The ordinance is intended to expand recycling requirements in order to meet state mandates, as well as increase recycling practice in Joplin.

"I sat up here a long time ago, and I was wondering why we weren't doing this back then," said Wolf of the ordinance, which will take effect April 1.

► CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR

Lindley to take post Southern graduate begins on March 2

By BRIAN SANDERS
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Longtime area resident and Missouri Southern graduate Linda Lindley has been hired as Joplin's new finance director effective March 2.

Lindley is the second woman to be named to a city post previously filled by men. She was selected Feb. 13 to replace Max Baker as the finance director. Baker resigned in December to take a similar position in New Mexico.

"Max was very qualified, and he got a lot done while he was here," Lindley said. "It's an honor that they chose me to take his place."

A certified public accountant and audit supervisor with Baird, Kurtz and Dobson, Lindley has been involved with Joplin's city audits as well as audits for non-profit groups.

Lindley, a native of Neosho, has lived in this area all her life. She sees this as an advantage for her new duties.

"I have basically the same background and the same goals as the

people in the community," she said, "and an interest in its continued success."

Although Joplin's financial condition has improved during the past few years, Lindley said because of the recession and the loss of state and federal funds, the city will have to be careful with spending in the near future.

"We will have to look for new ways to save," she said. "I think we will be able to tighten our belt like the general public, but it will take good planning."

Lindley graduated from Southern in 1982 with a bachelor of science degree in business administration.

She said anyone working to become a certified public accountant must be prepared to work hard.

"It's a tough job," Lindley said. "It's not just number crunching any more. There's a lot more to it than sitting at a 10-key and adding up figures."

"It also takes good communication skills, especially verbal. But it will pay off in the long run."

► CHRISTMAS IN APRIL

Group plans first volunteer repair

By KAYLEA HUTSON
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For some lucky area resident, Christmas will come a little early this year.

With the creation of Christmas in April*Joplin, a non-profit volunteer program, Joplin becomes one of 77 cities to have a chapter of the home repair group.

"It is a program that works to rehab houses for lower income families, elderly people, or handicapped people, to bring the homes up to a livable standard," said Rosalind Meeks-West, executive director of Christmas in April*Joplin. "We only rehab the homes; minor repair work such as roofing, siding, electrical work. No remodeling, just repair work."

As part of Christmas in April, chapters across the country gather in their towns to repair homes on the last Saturday in April.

Saturday, April 25, has been selected as this year's date.

Meeks-West said the Christmas in April program began in 1978 in Midland, Texas, when a group of churches worked together to repair area houses.

The Joplin branch of Christmas in April formed in September after Meeks-West saw a need for a program in this area.

"It is similar to the old-fashioned barn raising," Meeks-West said. "The community will get together to help

one family who cannot repair their home."

The group plans to repair two houses during this year.

"Hopefully in a few years we will be able to expand it to include Webb City, Carl Junction, and the other surrounding communities," Meeks-West said. "But we want to concentrate on Joplin first."

Meeks-West said the board of directors would meet this week to determine which houses would be chosen for repairs.

Several stipulations must be met for a house to be chosen for repairs.

"The occupants have to own their own house," Meeks-West said. "We are not in the business of helping landlords or in some cases slumlords."

"They also must be elderly, low income, or handicapped."

Meeks-West said a definite need must be evident when the house is chosen.

"This is not a patch job," she said. "It is basically anything we can do in one day to make the occupant more comfortable."

Christmas in April*Kansas City repaired the most houses during the 1991 campaign. Two hundred and seventy-five houses were repaired by more than 12,000 volunteers.

Christmas in April does not accept any government funding.

For more information, persons interested may contact Meeks-West at 782-0055.

► MISSOURI ECONOMY

Recovery possible this year

The 1992 economic outlook for Missouri is not optimistic for the near future, but recovery could begin this fall, according to a new forecast by a University of Missouri-Columbia researcher.

"Prospects for recovery in the Missouri economy continue to look bleak in the near future," said Dr. Ed Robb, director of the MU college of business and public administration research center. "Job growth in the economy is virtually stagnant, with only employment in health care growing."

Missouri unemployment is expected to reach 7.4 percent during the first half of 1992, then dip to 7.2 percent by the end of the year, Robb said. Manufacturing employment is projected to lose another 13,000 jobs, a decrease of 3.2 percent.

On the other hand, non-manufacturing employment is expected to increase by 60,000 jobs, or 3.2 percent in 1992. This will leave Missouri with a net increase in wage and salary employment of nearly 47,000 jobs, or about 2.0 percent.

The St. Louis area economy was hit especially hard, due largely to the end of the Cold War, Robb said. Most of the state's 9,000 layoffs in the transportation equipment industry are a result of the permanent workforce reduction at McDonnell Douglas. Layoffs at the aerospace company have caused the St. Louis area's unemployment rate to rise above the state level.

The immediate fate of the Missouri economy, as well as that of the entire nation, rests in the hands of the consumer, Robb said.

"A stimulus from the government, either state or federal, does not appear likely," he said. "However, as long as the recovery seems tenuous at best, the consumer is going to be unwilling to spend."

Because of the sluggish economy, general revenue funds are projected to grow 3.5 percent during the 1992 fiscal year and 4.1 percent in the 1993 fiscal year. Personal income rates in the state increased only 3.4 percent throughout 1991, the lowest rates since the early 1980s, but a mild improvement has been forecast for 1992 with an average growth rate of 5.1 percent.

NEW KID ON THE BLOCK



Dr. Russell Keeling (left), chief executive officer of Southwest Missouri State University, and Dr. Robert Culbertson, vice president for academic affairs at Northwest Missouri State University, discuss higher education Monday night at a roundtable discussion at the State Capitol.

► SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

New CEO gives 'inside perspective'

Keeling answers House questions

By JOHN HACKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

After just over a week in his new position, Russell Keeling, Southwest Missouri State University's chief executive officer, made his first appearance before state legislators Monday.

Keeling came to answer questions concerning the settlement reached between SMSU's Board of Regents and President Marshall Gordon last week. The agreement, which will cost the university from \$300,000 to \$500,000, has sparked criticism in the House Education Appropriations Committee.

Committee Chairman Everett Brown (D-Maryville) said lawmakers were concerned about using public funds to pay for the agreement.

"[The agreement] is a bone of contention," Brown said. "[SMSU] is saying it's better to give him the benefits than to go through a law-

suit. If anything comes out of this, we're trying to protect the public from that lawsuit."

Keeling said he hopes to spend one day a week at the State Capitol.

"I think there are a lot of questions about what's been going on at Southwest," Keeling said. "We need to be up here to try to answer those questions."

Communication is the key to repairing SMSU's reputation, he said.

"I think any effort at open, honest communication is going to pay off," Keeling said. "It's what people expect, it's what they demand, and it's what they deserve."

Keeling said he is prepared to give straight answers to questions posed by legislators.

"They want to know what's been happening at Southwest," he said. "They've heard rumors and reports, and they'd like an inside perspective. I'm here to provide that."

One of Keeling's challenges will be to protect SMSU's budget in committee. Some legislators have suggested cutting the university's bud-

get by the amount of the buy-out plan to express their displeasure.

Keeling said SMSU's budget could be in danger, but he did not think it would come to that.

"If we do answer the questions, and if the legislators are reasonably satisfied, then I don't think they will take punitive action," he said.

"We're in a difficult financial situation right now, and any move to take funding from us would only hurt our students and faculty. And I don't think the legislature wants to do that."

Brown said he believes the proposal to cut SMSU's budget was misguided.

"I look at that as punishing the wrong people," Brown said. "The main thing we don't want to do is get in a hurry and do something rash."

Rep. Ken Jacob (D-Columbia) said the issue of cutting SMSU's budget was a tool to bring other issues out into the open.

"I think this just fuels the issue of who are these people on these boards

[of regents], and how do they get themselves in these messes in the first place," Jacobs said.

Keeling said he is confident he can work with legislators to put SMSU on a more positive footing.

"Most of the legislators I know real well because I spent five years up here early in my career," he said. "Certainly it's a different role now, and it gives me a different perspective."

Keeling said the situation at SMSU is more relaxed now that the controversy is behind it.

"There is a lot of activity now because the question is where do we go from here," he said. "I'm going to have two open meetings Wednesday (yesterday) with faculty, staff, and students to answer their questions."

What role, if any, Gordon will have in the reorganization is unclear at this time.

"We have discussed the possibility that he may make some contacts with foundations and corporations and seek to get some grants for the university," Keeling said.

Higher Education Briefs

Murphy wants new policies at Western

► Dr. Janet Murphy, president of Missouri Western State College, has proposed the adoption of several recommendations that would affect the institution's open admissions policy.

Among the recommendations was the adoption of a high school core curriculum which high school seniors would be required to meet by the fall of 1996 in order to be enrolled at Western. Murphy also wants new students to complete their application files two weeks prior to registration or face a late fee of \$20 and be subject to special testing.

In addition, Murphy says students with an Enhanced ACT score below 17 should not be allowed to take more than 14 hours during their first semester. Further, she would like to provide students with all mid-term grades (rather than just Ds and Fs).

10,868 students record at CMSU

► Central Missouri State University is experiencing a record enrollment for its spring 1992 semester.

There are currently 10,868 students enrolled at CMSU, up 2.9 percent from 1991. The previous spring record was last year, when there were 10,563 students.

Although spring enrollment is up from 1991, it is down from the 12,204 reported for the 1991 fall semester.

UMC ranks high in merit scholars

► The University of Missouri-Columbia is ranked among the top 25 public colleges and universities in the nation in terms of the number of new national merit scholars at its campus, according to a report for 1990-91.

UMC ranks 23rd nationally among public colleges and universities with 39 national merit scholars enrolled as freshmen during the period covered in the report. In addition, UMC is No. 48 nationally among public and private colleges.

Harvard and Radcliffe Colleges were first nationally with 292 national merit scholars. UMC currently enrolls 147 national merit scholars.

UMR receives \$2 million fund

► A \$2 million bequest to the University of Missouri-Rolla has established the Roy N. McBride Student Loan/Scholarship Fund.

The fund will provide loans and scholarships to juniors or seniors at UMR who are studying for a bachelor's degree in engineering.

McBride received a degree in chemistry in 1914 from UMR. He was a chief appraisal engineer in the oil department of a Dallas bank until 1954. He died in 1969.

UMKC students to talk on drugs

► Pharmacy students from the University of Missouri-Kansas City are hoping they hit home this month with an anti-drug and alcohol abuse message for area fourth and fifth graders.

About 75 UMKC students will take their message to about 550 students in several public and private elementary schools as part of Project Outreach. The program will culminate with the "Main Event," a rally against drug and alcohol abuse at 10 a.m. Feb. 28, in UMKC's Pierson Hall. Guest speakers will include Lori Suschnick Bartlett, a pharmacy student and 1990 Miss Missouri.

► HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

College leaders thrash centralized control legislation

Roundtable discussion sparks debate

By JOHN HACKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Leaders of Missouri's colleges soundly thrashed the idea of a state board of higher education Monday at a meeting of the House Higher Education Committee.

The roundtable discussion, called "the first of its kind" by committee chairman Ken Jacob (D-Columbia), provided college and university heads the opportunity to air their views on a number of topics pertaining to higher education.

The suggested replacement of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education with a more powerful state

board was greeted with criticism by most of the college leaders. The idea, part of the defeated Proposition B, has resurfaced in legislation before a Senate committee.

Under the current system, the CBHE has little power to enforce any recommendations it makes to state colleges and universities.

Missouri Southern President Julio Leon led the assault by college leaders on the more powerful board proposal.

"Under Prop B, in exchange for more money we were willing to submit to a central board," Leon said. "Presumably, the idea was no pain, no gain, but there ended up being

a lot of pain and no gain."

Missouri has one of the best systems of governance because of the autonomy of the individual institutions, Leon said.

"I don't understand what makes people think that a different system of governance will change things," he said. "In meetings I have found that Missouri has one of the best systems in the nation."

Centralized control of Missouri colleges and universities would cause more problems than it would solve, said Dr. Robert Culbertson, vice president for academic affairs at Northwest Missouri State University.

"It would create the kinds of barriers that are absolutely contrary to what taxpayers want," Culbertson

said. "You could look at example after example of states with central control and see a kind of mediocrized education."

"It disturbs me that in a world where centralized systems are crumbling, we would want to take a step backward and say we are improving."

Dr. Kala Stroup, president of Southeast Missouri State University, said adopting a centralized board would mean making sacrifices.

"With a centralized system, you sacrifice the hands-on experience of those closest to the institutions," Stroup said.

Among the few speaking in favor of a centralized board was Richard Wallace, vice president of the academic office at the University of

Missouri-Columbia.

"I think Missouri could do a better job of higher education with a centralized board," Wallace said.

Dr. Charles McClain, commissioner for higher education, also spoke in favor of centralized control.

"I think Missouri has to decide that there are some things we can do together," McClain said.

He compared Proposition B to the gasoline tax issue now making its way through the legislature.

"The highway commission was able to come in with a plan and get it passed through the House in short order," McClain said. "One reason is they have a state-wide perspective about roads and bridges. We don't have that in higher education."

MAN WITH A PLAN



JOHN HACKER/The Chart

House Speaker Bob Griffin releases the results of Missourians First, a year-long planning program, at a press conference Tuesday.

► MISSOURIANS FIRST

Griffin announces long-term program

By JOHN HACKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

If Missouri House Speaker Bob Griffin (D-Cameron) has his way, the General Assembly will change the way it approaches issues.

Griffin released the results of Missourians First, a long-range legislative planning program, at the Capitol Tuesday morning.

The program, started in January 1991, is the bipartisan effort of nine subcommittees studying nine issues in Missouri life. Griffin said the effort signaled change in thinking for the legislature.

"Rather than simply reacting to the issues, the House of Representatives is preparing for the future," Griffin said. "This is the first step in our attempt to help Missouri meet the needs of the 21st century."

The committees studied issues such as education, economic development, health care, highways and transportation, agriculture, environ-

ment, crime prevention, tourism, and human services.

Each committee made short and long-term recommendations on its respective topic.

Some of the recommendations include increased training requirements for law enforcement personnel, increased availability of health insurance for employees of small companies, and increased local contributions by school districts to education costs.

Many of the recommendations will require more state money at a time when funds are scarce.

"[The lack of funds] presents a very difficult situation," Griffin said. "We do not anticipate, in this short time frame, that we would be able to adopt all the [recommendations]."

A number of the recommendations, including a more equitable foundation formula, a six-cent gasoline tax, and an increased minimum property tax levy for school districts, have been included in legislation

already filed this year.

One recommendation by the education subcommittee which already has appeared in legislation would improve the selection process for members of governing boards of Missouri colleges and universities.

"More qualified board members would be more responsive to the problems facing higher education," Griffin said. "We are recommending a different selection process be implemented other than political paybacks or support for the governor."

The report also recommended improved coordination of higher education in the state.

"The Coordinating Board for Higher Education would have a stronger role in developing the missions of respective colleges across the state," Griffin said.

Members of the task forces have pledged to look at long-term policy issues like health care costs, non-discriminatory sentencing practices, and water quality, he said.

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SETTING THE TRAP



CHAD HAYWORTH/The Chart

Junior forward Nancy Somers (No. 41) and freshman guard Carie Garrison (No. 45) attempt to set up a trap against the University of Missouri-Rolla's Anita Keck in last week's 73-61 win in Young Gymnasium.

▶ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Lady Lions claim home berth

Southern whips SBU behind Scott's 20

By STACY CAMPBELL
SPORTS EDITOR

When the MIAA playoffs roll around, the basketball Lady Lions will see some familiar faces.

An 82-63 win over Southwest Baptist University last night, coupled with a Northwest Missouri State University loss, clinched a home-court advantage for Southern.

"It will be a big boost for us as far as fan support," said Nancy Somers, junior forward.

Others knew the advantage would be appreciated, but realize there is more of the season to go.

"It will give us a better chance of winning because we haven't lost a conference home game all season," said Tommie Horton, freshman guard.

"It will be nice, but we want first [place] and the conference title," said Rolanda Gladen, junior forward.

Southern, 15-8 and currently on a five-game winning streak, will try

to move closer to the conference title when it hosts 4-16 Missouri Western at 6 p.m. Saturday.

The Lady Lions currently sit in a second-place tie with Central Missouri State University and Washburn University, all 10-3. Pittsburg State University has a one-game lead with an 11-2 mark.

Scott Ballard, Southern head coach, knows Missouri Western may be tougher than its 4-16 and 3-10 conference mark reflect.

"They play good defense and are an athletic team," he said. "They haven't won a road game this year and have lost a lot of close games."

"They have had trouble putting the ball in the basket, though."

Terry Ellis, Missouri Western head coach, thinks shooting will be the key to the game for her team.

"We need to score which has been a big problem for us," she said. "We just haven't been consistent scoring."

"We need to play good defense on them. We especially need to stop their perimeter shooters."

In last night's win, the Lady Lions played what Ballard called one of their best games of the season.

"We played very well," he said. "We played excellent defense and did a good job on the boards. We didn't allow them any second shots."

Southern used a strong inside game to bolster its attack.

"Our philosophy was to pound the ball inside," Ballard said. "In the second half they were switching, so we put a guard and post on the same side. When they switched they would have a guard on our post player."

Gladen thought the Lady Lions did a good job of playing their type of game.

"We played our tempo of game and controlled the game from start to end," she said.

Ballard agreed with Gladen's assessment of the game.

"We played a good, consistent 40-minute game," he said.

Honey Scott, sophomore forward, led a trio of Lady Lions in double figures with 20 points. Somers added 19 points. Gladen chipped in 13 points and pulled down 13 rebounds.

▶ MEN'S BASKETBALL

Lions continue march toward playoffs, 65-57

Simpson scores 1,000th career point

By JEFFREY SLATTON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The Lions climbed another rung on the MIAA ladder with a 65-57 victory over Southwest Baptist University last night in Young Gymnasium.

The victory boosts Southern's record to 19-5 and 9-4 in the MIAA. The Lions are tied for second with Washburn University, two games behind conference leader Missouri Western State College.

Last night, Washburn earned its 20th victory of the season, defeating Northeast Missouri State University 91-62. Meanwhile, Central Missouri State University knocked off Western 83-74 in Warrensburg.

Western will visit Young Gymnasium Saturday in a battle of two top conference teams. The game is the final regular season home game for the Lions.

Southern Head Coach Robert Corn said it will take a good defensive effort to defeat the Griffons.

"They don't have the size that a lot of teams have, but they have great athletes, they are very quick, and they do a great job of spreading out the floor," Corn said.

Western boasts the MIAA's leading scorer in junior Ron Kirkhom. Kirkhom was averaging 25.1 points per game entering last night's game.

"He is a great player," Corn said.

Although Western enters the game as the No. 5 team in the latest NCAA Division II basketball poll, it should drop after the CMSU loss. Southern will try to equal the Griffons' 20-victory total, a plateau the Lions have not reached since the 1986-87 season when they went 20-13 as an NAIA team.

Senior Kenny Simpson said the game is going to be especially tough because Western doesn't want to lose three games in a row.

"They have a good team, and they beat us there last year," he said. "But I'm looking forward to it. I'm always up for big games like this."

In last night's game, a second-half dunk by junior Mike Doman sparked a 10-2 Southern run en route to victory. On the play, the ball was

knocked loose at the top of the key by the Lion defense. The ball appeared to be going out of bounds, but Doman hustled over and snatched up the ball. He then dribbled in and slammed the ball two-handed to the delight of the Southern crowd.

"They're great," Doman said. "That hometown crowd really gets behind you."

Corn was also pleased with Doman's 10-point game.

"I thought Mike Doman played a great game for us," Corn said. "The best part of his statistics was that he was 6 of 6 from the free-throw line."

Despite heavy harassment by the SBU defense, Simpson managed to score 18 points, giving him 1,004 points for his Southern career.

"It is good for him to get any recognition he can get," Corn said. "The guy plays hard and comes every day to work."

The Bearcats worked the shot clock to keep the score down. Seven minutes into the game, they held a 13-5 advantage.

But the Lions rallied, and when Doman hit a free throw at 5:03 of the half, Southern grabbed its first lead of the game at 19-18. The Lions led 26-23 at halftime despite shooting only 26 percent from the field.

Southern scored the first two baskets of the second half on a Simpson one-hander and junior Ron Joyner's bank shot on a fast-break. The teams traded baskets until Doman's dunk with 11:41 remaining.

With the game still tight, Simpson hit the first end of a one-and-one with 5:01 left in the game for his 1,000th career point and a 52-48 Southern lead.

The Bearcats came within two a few seconds later, but the Lions scored 13 of the next 19 points.

Junior Demarko McCullough added 11 points for the Lions, while Joyner contributed 12. Despite scoring only four points, sophomore Chris Tucker pulled down a team-high eight rebounds.

"Chris might have struggled offensively, but I didn't think he let it affect his defense," Corn said.

Saturday, Southern bested the University of Missouri-St. Louis 82-69.



NICK COBLE

The status of college athletics

As budget woes hit state colleges, sports programs certainly are not exempt from the ax.

When the temptation hits to eliminate programs, it invariably is the low-profile sport that becomes the sacrificial lamb for athletic department cuts.

The message to athletic directors is that you wanted these programs and now you have to handle the burden.

The emphasis in years past has been that bigger was better. Additional athletic programs became notches on the guns of athletic directors everywhere.

The fact of the matter is now that colleges have these programs, they have to do something with them. There is an obligation to support the athletes who sweat and toil everyday.

One example is Southern's soccer players who are wondering if they are going to have a coach, or even if they are going to have a team next season. Leaving them hanging by a thread can only have a negative effect on the team and the athletic department. They deserve better.

The arena of women's athletics rarely has been a profitable one for athletic departments. Nevertheless, federal law in 1972 mandated equal opportunity for women in athletics.

Originally, women's athletics were governed by the now-defunct Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women.

Women's athletics under the AIAW model seemed to have a promising future as an alternative to the semi-professional NCAA model.

While the NCAA was at first uninterested in women's athletics, as the programs grew the NCAA, in its greed and arrogance, took notice.

Pressure was mounted upon schools to enter their women's programs in the NCAA. Rumors circulated that NCAA members would be investigated for alleged violations if they did not comply.

In June 1982, only 95 of the 759 member schools remained, and the AIAW folded.

What ADs had not yet discovered was that the days of separate funding for women's athletics outside of athletic departments' budgets was over.

Athletic directors thought they would receive more revenue through the addition of women's sports. What they received was a financial drain. Bigger, in this case, was not better—just more expensive.

Basketball, the highest profile of women's sports, loses money in nearly every school. In 1988, Georgetown's women's basketball team made only \$5,000 with \$100,000 in expenses.

Numbers aside, if colleges truly believe in the student athlete, and that college athletics should be about personal development for them rather than exploitation, a program's worth should not be based on revenue.

The current state of college athletics under the leadership of the NCAA is questionable to say the least.

While paying a great deal of lip service to preventing the corruption of student athletes by preventing perks, such restrictions do not apply to coaches.

There simply is big money to be made in college athletics for everyone involved—except the athletes themselves.

In an address to the 1988 NCAA convention, John Thompson, men's basketball coach at Georgetown, said, "If you think that I am up here because our kids graduate from school, you're foolish. I am up here because I win."

"I hear people say that money is bad and winning is bad. That's great. Let me win and let me have the money."

College sports—you've got some soul searching to do.

▶ BASEBALL

Hogs rip Southern, 12-1

Pitching staff starting to concern Turner

By ROD SHETLER
STAFF WRITER

Traveling to Fayetteville, Ark., to take on the NCAA Division I Razorbacks is not the way most baseball teams would go about curing a two-game losing streak.

The baseball Lions did just that Friday, and no remedy was found.

"Everything we threw they hit," said Warren Turner, head coach. "They made the plays and we didn't. I guess you could just call it an old-fashioned thumpin'."

Senior Chuck Pittman, the Lions' starting pitcher, was knocked around early by Arkansas, allowing five earned runs on six hits in just two innings of work. The Razorbacks out-hit the Lions 14-5 en route to a 12-1 victory.

The Lions' only tally came in the fifth inning on right fielder Mike Zirngibl's triple and shortstop Scott Madden's groundout RBI.

"I was disappointed we didn't play better, but I think we see now where we have to improve," Turner said. "We're doing a lot of practicing this week on those things."

After being outscored 29-7 in their

opening three games, the pre-season questions about the pitching staff are increasing.

"Our pitchers didn't do well," said Turner. "They need to start getting their change-up over for a strike."

Southern, 0-3, got off to another rocky start in the game by giving up five runs in the first two innings, a tough hurdle against its early season Division I opponent.

"They jumped on us early and we dug a big hole for ourselves," said catcher Kevin Koch. "I don't take anything away from them, though. They hit the ball well."

Even with the early season losses, the Lions still are positive about their season.

"It's really early and we aren't really down right now," Koch said. "We know we're better than what we've played so far."

"With this offense, we will eventually score runs. We just have some people struggling right now, including myself."

Southern will attempt to rebound against a tough Oral Roberts University team at 1 p.m. Saturday at Tulsa when it takes on the Titans in a doubleheader.

▶ TRACK AND FIELD

Team to be in two places

Tomorrow, the Lions' and Lady Lions' track and field team will be in two places at once.

Part of the team will compete in the Kansas State University Invitational and the rest in the Pittsburg State Invitational.

The KSU Invitational is a two-day meet beginning at 5 p.m. tomorrow, while the PSU Invitational is a one-day affair starting at 5 p.m. tomorrow. "We are trying to get some people

qualified [for the NCAA nationals]," Head Coach Tom Rutledge said. "Some people have met the qualifying standards for K-State and deserve to go."

"The other athletes work out and deserve a chance to perform. That is why we are splitting our teams."

KSU and PSU will be the final tune-up for the teams before the Feb. 28 MIAA conference meet at Central Missouri State University.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

Results

Tues. Feb. 11

Southern Shooters 36 (Brent Hoyer 12)
Nets 33 (Jason Echart 8, Casey Cole 6)
Timberwolves 47 (Doug Ward 16)
SFWG 31 (Randy Long 14)
Oak Tree Lane 2
Old Timers 0 (Forfeit)
Unknowns 43 (Dan Culbertson 15)
ROTC 34 (Thomas Hackley 15)

Thurs. Feb. 13

Epsilon 24 (Jennifer Elbert 11)
Posse 22 (Dalego Prough 8)
Timberwolves 47 (Sean Barrett 14)
Nets 41 (Jason Ehrhardt 10)
Wogs 19 (Tina 9)
Aches & Pains 17 (Kristin Thomas 4)
AK's 43 (Rob McCoy 16)
ROTC 20 (Williams 7)

Mon. Feb. 17

Wanna Bees 35 (Leah Ingram 12)
Epsilon 15 (Barbie Bauer 7)
Best of Both Worlds 48 (Rod Smith 19)
30th Row 45 (Tim Greer 22)
Sid's Kids 57 (Rocky Williams 28)
Big 8 51 (Heath Thomas 21)
Posse 43 (Justin Grimes 14)
Rookies 33 (Kenny Medina 12)

Team Standings

Women's League

Trees 'n' Scrubs 4-0
Has Beens 3-1
Keys 2-2
Aches & Pains 2-2
Wanna Bees 2-2
Wogs 2-2
Epsilon 1-3
Posse 0-4

Advanced League

Cahoots 3-0
Best of Both Worlds 3-0
30th Row 1-2
Shacks Attack 1-2
Rookies 1-3
Posse 1-3

Recreation League

Timberwolves 4-0
AK's 4-0
Southern Shooters 3-1
Unknowns 2-2
Nets 2-1
Sid's Kids 2-1
SFWG 1-2
Oak Tree Lane 1-3
ROTC 1-3
Big 8 1-3
Old Timers 0-3
Chiefs 0-3

Upcoming Games

Tomorrow

6:10 W Aches & Pains vs Posse
7:30 R AK's vs ROTC
7:50 W Trees 'n' Scrubs vs Epsilon
8:40 R Nets vs Unknowns

Mon. Feb. 24

6:10 A Cahoots vs 30th Row
7:00 W Wogs vs Keys
7:50 A Best of Both Worlds vs Shacks Attack
8:40 W Has Beens vs Wanna Bees

Tues. Feb. 25

6:10 R Timberwolves vs Oak Tree Lane
7:00 R SFWG vs Southern Shooters
7:50 Advanced Championship

Other Intramural Events

Sign Ups for Advanced singles - Men & Women's Racquetball, Men's doubles-Women's doubles and Mixed doubles.

Free Throw Contest

Men's & Women's Semifinals

Thurs. - Feb. 20, 5:45 p.m.

Joy Neugebauer, Andrea Tipling, Sherrie Haynes, Jennifer Elbert, Mary Miller, Kathy Vaughn, Kelly Smith, Justin Grimes, Jeff Whitney, Audrey Wright, Erick Holzrichter, Colby Resser.

Finals Sat. Feb. 22nd Halftime at the men's basketball game

Certs/Trident Spikefest was held Sun. Feb. 16th.
7 teams competed in a 4/4 single elimination Coed Volleyball Tournament.
Last year's champs - AK's took 2nd.
This year's champions are Barrett's Bombers: Sean Barrett, Jim Kantola, Bobby Nichols, Kerrie Swindle, & Tosha Telford. The team advances to Regional Competition at the University of Texas-Arlington, April 11, 1992 to compete against other campus champions. Last year Mo. Southern's team took 4th place.

U S M I S S O U R I



Battleship rejoins sisters in reserve

By JOHN HACKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

For the third time in her long career, the huge guns of the Battleship USS Missouri (BB-63) will be put to rest.

No one knows if it will be temporary or permanent, but the ship, a veteran of World War II, Korea, and the Persian Gulf, will be going into long-term storage at the end of March.

"The ship will be in a condition where we can reactivate her within three months," said Lt. Commander Terry McCreary, public relations officer for the battleship.

"Right now she's being placed in mothballs, which means she'll be put in the inactive ships fleet up in Bremerton, Wash."

Part of the process includes some of the new equipment being removed for storage or use elsewhere within the Navy.

"Some of the little gun mounts are being taken off, but the missile launchers will remain," McCreary said. "Some of the removable electronics will get taken off, but mostly everything remains on the ship."

According to Navy documents, it is one of four Iowa-class battleships built from 1942-1944.

All four ships displace 57,000 tons at full load. They are 887 feet long and 108 feet wide at their widest point.

They have a top speed of 35 knots, about 50 mph, and a range of 15,000 miles at 15 knots.

The ships were armed with nine 16-inch guns which fired an armor-piercing shell weighing 2,700 pounds.

The ships were among the best-protected warships ever built. Steel plates on the battleships are 12 inches thick on the hull and 17 inches thick on the main gun turrets.

going to remain a valid system well into the next century," McCreary said. "Her armor protection is a tremendous asset that modern warships just don't have, making her a very survivable platform."

BB-63 was the fourth ship to bear the name Missouri. The first was a

The third Missouri (BB-11) was commissioned in 1903. She took part in the two-year round-the-world diplomatic cruise of President Roosevelt's Great White Fleet. The battleship served as a training ship for the Atlantic Fleet in World War I and was scrapped in 1922.

was hit by a kamikaze suicide plane which started a fire near one of its five-inch gun mounts. The fire was quickly put out and damage was minor.

On the afternoon of Sept. 2, 1945, the ship played host to the surrender ceremony that put an end to World

American interest in preserving Greek and Turkish liberty.

At the start of the Korean War, BB-63 was the only battleship active in the U.S. Navy. On Sept. 14, 1950, it went into action off the Korean coast. For the next three years its guns supported operations all over the Korean Peninsula.

The battleship first entered the mothball fleet at Bremerton in 1955. Thirty years later she was reactivated with new radars, communications, and missile armaments.

It served in the Persian Gulf along with its sister battleship, the USS Wisconsin (BB-64). In the Gulf, the huge guns of the battleship conducted 47 fire missions, expending a large quantity of five-inch shells, and Tomahawk missiles struck some of the first blows on the Iraqi forces.

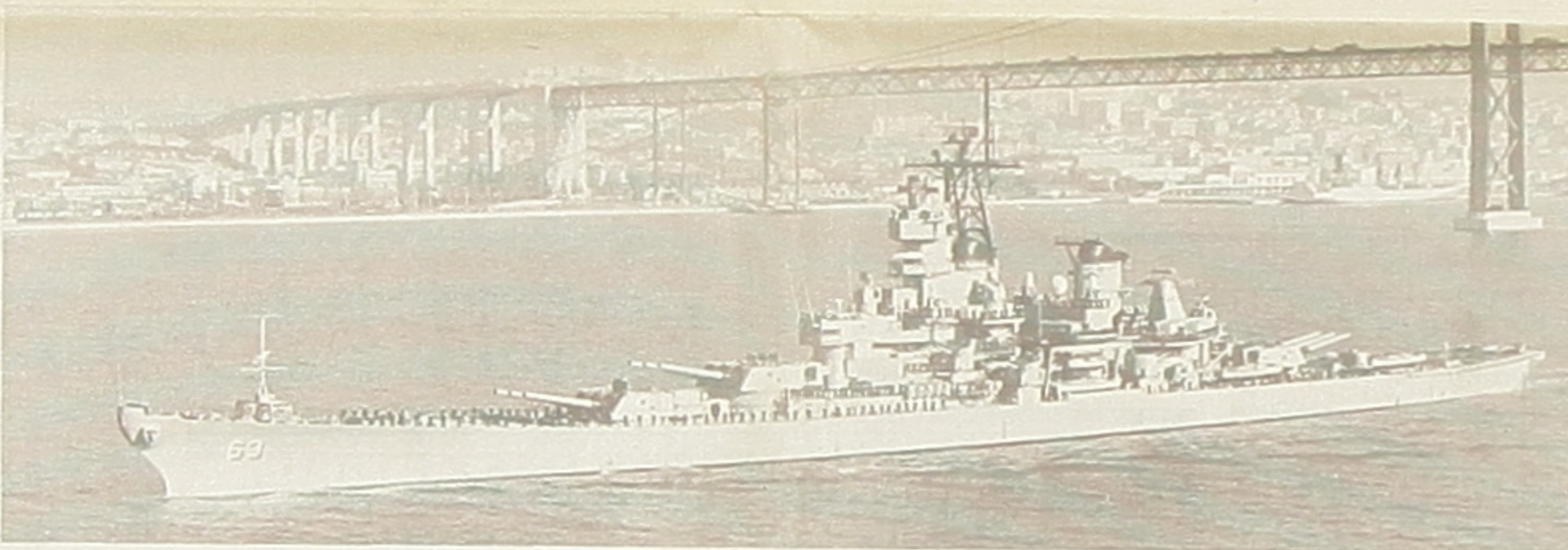
McCreary said the crew is about one-third of the way through the decommissioning process.

"We have disarmed her and all the fuel has been removed," McCreary said. "The crew will be moving off soon and the ship will be officially out of service on March 31."

He said about 1,100 men are still working on the ship out of an active crew of 1,500. These men will be released to other duties in the Navy as their jobs are completed.

The Missouri and other ships could be called back by emergency in about three to six months, he said.

"History has called the battleships back four times since World War II," McCreary said. "Could that happen again? It's a reasonable expectation."



When the Missouri was recommissioned in 1986, the Navy removed eight of the five-inch guns and replaced them with 32 Tomahawk cruise missile launchers and 16 Harpoon anti-ship missile launchers.

McCreary said the modern armament and more modern communications and radar systems of the Missouri and its sisters make them effective warships despite their age. "The Tomahawk missile system is

1842 sidewheel steam frigate which lasted only about two years in Navy service. She conducted the first powered crossing of the Atlantic by a steam powered warship, but was accidentally destroyed by fire in the port of Gibraltar.

The second was a Confederate ironclad launched at Shreveport, La., in 1863. She surrendered to the U.S. Navy at the end of the war and was laid up in Mound City, Ill.

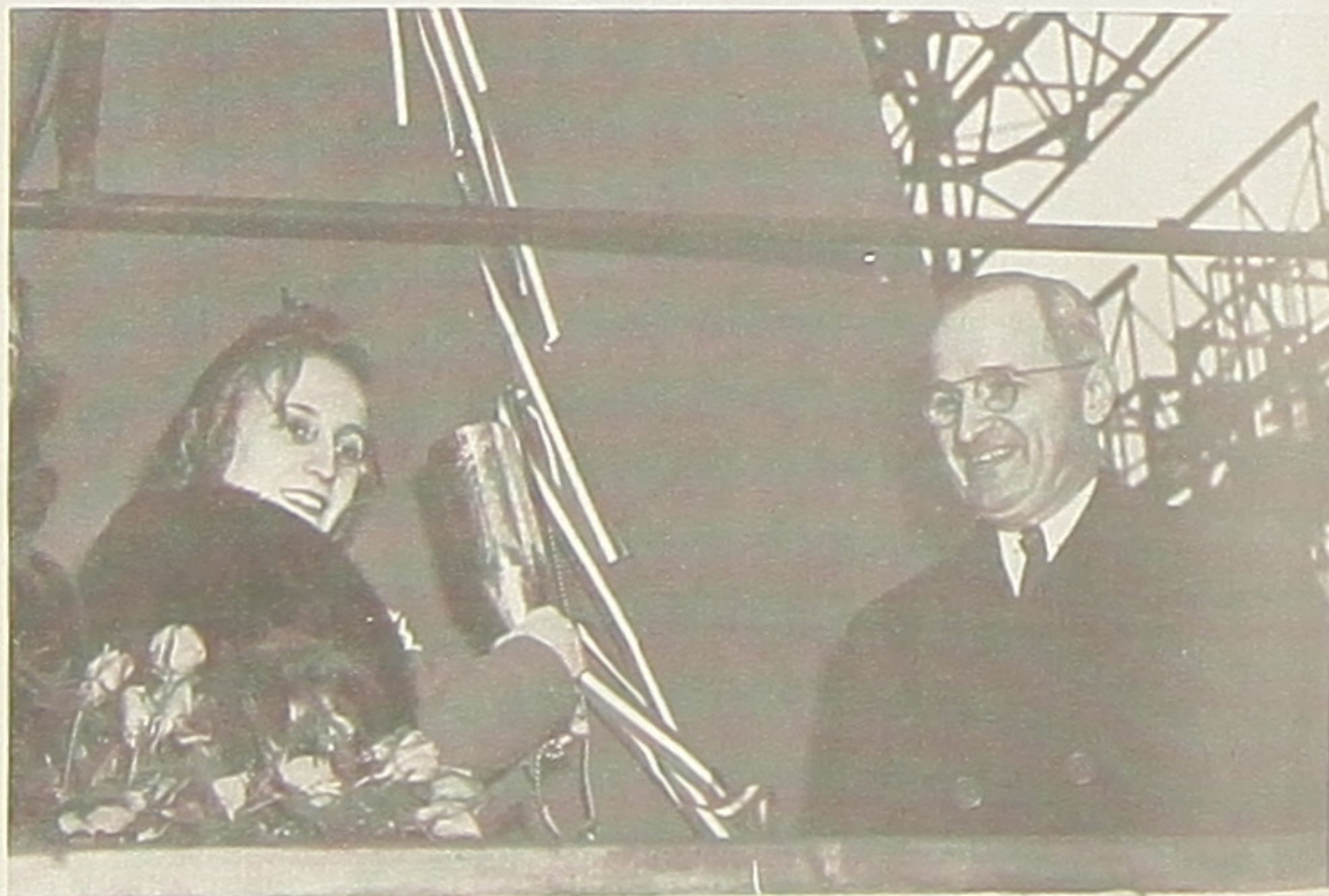
BB-63 was the last battleship ever completed by the United States. Commissioned on June 11, 1944, it served as the flagship for the Third Fleet during the last months of World War II.

Its guns supported the landings on Iwo Jima and Okinawa, and from it Admiral William F. Halsey led the fleet on a series of strikes that all but destroyed Japan's ability to fight.

On April 11, 1945, the battleship

War II.

Between World War II and the Korean War it served in the Atlantic and Mediterranean Fleets. In April 1946 it carried the remains of the Turkish ambassador to the U.S. back to Turkey for burial. It also visited Turkey and Greece at a time when the Soviet Union was pressuring both governments in an attempt to expand Communist influence. The Missouri provided a symbol of



In Sydney, Australia, in 1986, two crew members (above) polish the ship's plaque commemorating the signing of the Japanese surrender of World War II, during the ship's shakedown cruise after being recommissioned. In January 1944, then Missouri Senator Harry S. Truman and his daughter Margaret Truman, sponsor, (bottom left) celebrate the launching of the U.S.S. Missouri at the New York Navy Yard. Photos courtesy United States Navy.